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Still smile and frown, O sky!
Some beauty unforseen I trace
In every change of April's face."

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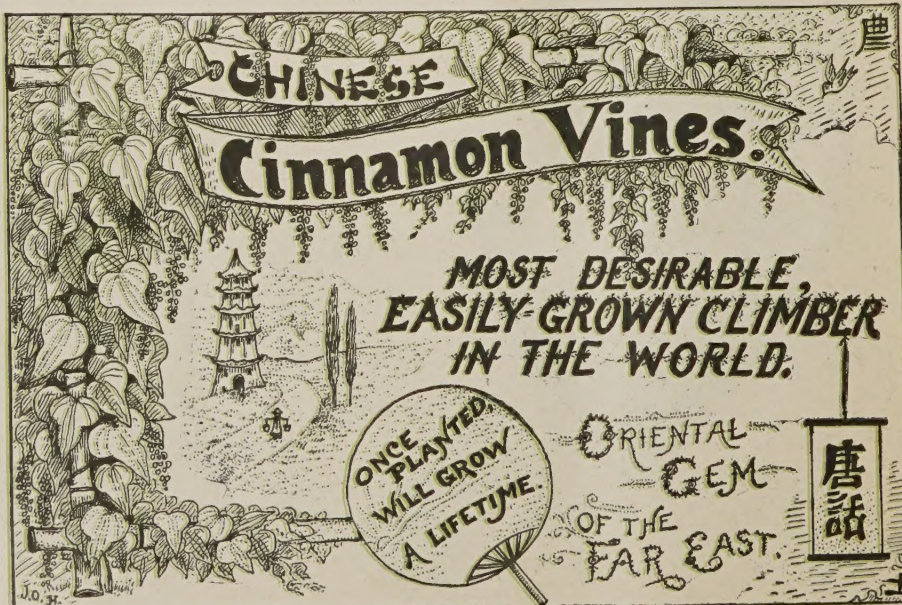
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From the Subscribers to the Editor

The following letters speak for themselves and have given so much satisfaction to all concerned, that I am going to print them.

Reminiscences of an old subscriber, whose eighty-fourth year will expire day after tomorrow—January 23d—with no certainty of a renewal for another year.

"In the forty-two years of almost constant travel in every state in the Union, except seven, which includes states that were territories forty-two years ago—no man has been asked so frequently 'How near do you live to Vick's Flower Garden'—or in reply heard more pleasant words of the then beauty spot of Rochester, or its urbane proprietor, JAMES VICK.

"It was thirty-five years ago—when I was almost a stranger in Rochester, I was waiting my train in the private bank of Raymond & Huttington—now Commercial Bank—when a stranger came in and passed to the cashier, over the shoulder of a depositor, a draft to be cashed, saying, 'Give me small bills, please, as quick as you can,—I have only twenty minutes in which to pay my bill at the Brackett House and get my baggage checked for Chicago.' 'Draft correct!' said the young cashier, 'but we do not know you. You will have to be identified.' 'My God!' said the stranger, 'I don't know a soul in Rochester! I am due in Chicago tomorrow afternoon to close a thousand dollar deal.' A medium sized, middle aged man, standing by, took the draft with a smile, modestly wrote upon the back of it 'James Vick,' saying as he handed it back, 'I guess that will identify you at this bank.' Two years later I met the stranger in the writing room of the Delevan House, Albany, and referring to the little incident, he said he never knew the name of his benefactor. When I told him it was James Vick he said, 'If kind deeds were Heaven's currency, he must have a pretty fair bank account in Heaven. That most unlooked for Christian kindness to me was worth \$2,000, to the firm of which I am now a member, and \$500 yearly to my salary.'

"When in the near future I stand at the Gates of the Celestial City, I shall ask good St. Peter how far it is out to God's Flower Garden, and in what part of it I will probably find the keeper, JAMES VICK."

If these agreeable reminiscences come from one of the oldest of our subscribers, it is but fitting that our youngest should be heard from, and though he speaks by proxy, he will I have no doubt in due time, speak for himself. Long life and happiness to him!

"I accept your thirty day offer of the six rose plants and enclose subscription, fifty cents for one year.

"I named my baby boy 'Vick' from reading your magazine, thought the name pretty and so, if you wish, you may enclose an extra plant in his honor. If I could be chooser, I would say a Carnation. But anyway, he goes by the flowery name of 'Vick.' I enjoy your magazine very much I assure you."

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Here are some others, all of which are agreeable reading, particularly to the editorial staff.

"Enclosed I send a dollar money-order to renew my subscription to Vick's Magazine and the New York Tribune Farmer. My wife thinks that your magazine grows better every year, and she has read it from childhood."

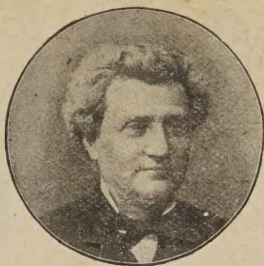
MISSOURI.

Now when you find a letter like this in your morning's mail it warms you up for the whole day!

Here is another kind that is welcome in Magazine offices.

"Your letter failed to reach me until now, and I had forgotten when my subscription expired, I also missed one copy of the magazine. I thought my time expired in November, did it not? I will enclose fifty cents and will you please let me know how I stand, for I do not wish to be without the Magazine. The mails are very uncertain here since the earthquake last April. They never were anything to brag of."

CALIFORNIA.



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CLEVER WAYS OF DOING THINGS

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HOME BUILDING DEPT., and many other articles of interest and profit.

An illustrated two-part story, "The Escape From the Navajoes," by Walter G. Patterson commences next month. There will be some more notes on Squabs. Flowers and vegetable gardens are of daily interest now, and much attention will be given to them. All the departments will be up to date, and every page crowded with things of interest.



Crab or Lobster Cactus.
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"Enclosed please find photograph of my Christmas Cactus, in other words my Lobster Cactus bought of James Vick 25 years ago. I lost all but a small piece of the original once. The photograph does not do the plant justice. It measures 11 feet around. I have a large bay window and have to move the cactus when I water my other plants. It was simply loaded with its crimson blossoms."

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The Editor to the Subscribers

Of course I cannot expect letters from you unless I answer them, for a one-sided thing indeed is a correspondence where one person does all the writing. So as I cannot write to our subscribers individually, here is a letter to all, women and men, young and old, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and with it goes, Greetings!

Before I leave the subject of letters I want to repeat what I have said several times before, that I want you all to remember that our watchword is,

Vick's Magazine is Just For You

If there is anything which you would like advice upon, ask, and I will see that your letter is answered in the most helpful way possible. It has been with gratification that I have seen that some of our people have taken advantage of my offer of help, and I want many more to do so. Remember too, that I have an open mind for suggestions as to the things which you will like best in your Magazine. Shall we have more fiction or less? Shall we have more "travel" articles, or shall we devote more space to subjects which tend to "profit"? Mention what you like when you write.

Now while you are considering these things, just let us look over what is planned for the next few months by the circulation man, and then tell me why you do not, every one of you, agree to send in one new subscriber and take advantage of the unusual offers which the publishers announce.

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illustrate the articles as well as many others just to please the eye. You will find tucked away somewhere a jest or two, for it is not good to be too solemn.

Boys And Girls Are Not Forgotten

Coupons! Coupons! Everything is coupons. Every boy and girl seems to be after our premiums. We are giving to our young friends watches, rings, typewriters, magic lanterns, etc. Several of the boys have been giving exhibitions with the Magic Lantern. We are justly proud of those boys. The girls have earned that great, big, bright-eyed doll and the typewriter. Do you want any of the above mentioned premiums? We will send you outfit and particulars by mail.

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Hundreds took advantage of the offer which appeared in the March issue and received the six Roses and Vick's Magazine for one year for only fifty cents. Since it has become so popular we have decided to extend the offer for another thirty days. We have explained the offer in detail on opposite page. Just think, six standard, high-grade roses and Vick's Magazine for one year for only fifty cents.

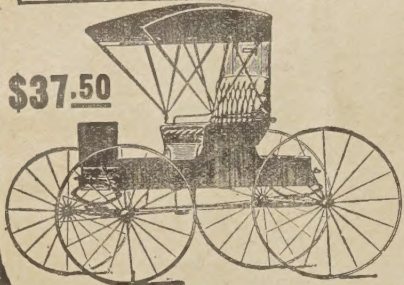
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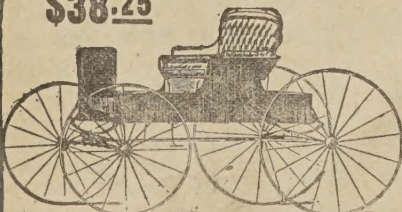
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The necessity for suppressing the constantly increasing number of insects and diseases which attack nearly all the higher forms of vegetable life, is a problem which confronts the farmer on every hand. The only method which brings practical results, is attacking insects and fungous diseases by poison which has to be distributed in ways which will reach the particular pest to be destroyed.

Estimates as to the annual loss to agriculture caused by injurious insects and fungous diseases show that the yield of all crops is lessened by them fully twenty-five per cent. This means an annual loss of more than *two hundred millions of dollars* in the United States alone. By proper spraying fully seventy-five per cent of this great loss can be prevented. This statement needs no proof, as all practical fruit growers have demonstrated time and again.

Spraying was first practised about 1878 by the application of Paris green to potatoes for the destruction of the potato beetles. Soon thereafter it was found that for some reason the Paris green spray was also useful in preventing apples from becoming wormy, and then the entomologists gave us the life history of the apple worm which explained the how and why.

It was not until after the establishment of the various state Agricultural Experiment Stations in 1887 that spraying came into general practice as a recognized necessity. The many experiments conducted at the Stations showed that spraying was of practically universal application for the destruction of injurious insects and the prevention of fungous diseases. Spraying is now recognized as the practical method of saving crops and a spray pump of some sort is as necessary as a plow. "The man with the hoe" is closely followed by the man with the hose—and the nozzle!

There is a marked distinction in the manner in which insects take their food. Some *eat the leaves* while others *suck the plant juices*. Without knowing to which of these two general classes a particular insect belongs, one is unable to intelligently apply a remedy. Insects which *eat the leaves* have their mouth parts formed for biting off bits of vegetable matter and in this way eat their food in much the same manner as do the higher animals. The insects which *suck the plant juices*, on the other hand, have their mouth parts formed into a beak which is inserted into the plant tissues. Thus a large number of the sucking insects on a plant will soon extract so much of its vitality as to cause it to wither and die.

Some of the best known of the eating insects are Irish potato beetle, cut-worms and the various caterpillars. While these insects can be destroyed by either an external irritant insecticide or a stomach poison insecticide, it is best to apply the last named.

The materials used for spraying vary with the class of pests to be attacked, but the standard material for fungous diseases on vegetable organisms is known as Bordeaux mixture. The formula in general use is:

Copper sulphate...4 pounds.
Fresh lime.....4 pounds.
Water to make...50 gallons.

For preparing on a small scale the copper sulphate should be dissolved in

[Spraying for Profit, is the title of a booklet by Howard Evarts Weed of Rogers Park, Chicago, formerly Entomologist and Horticulturist of the Mississippi Station.]

SPRAYING FOR PROFIT BY HOWARD EVARTS WEED

twenty-five gallons of water, using a half barrel for such purpose. To dissolve the copper sulphate readily, it should be placed in a coarse cloth bag and suspended in the water so that the sulphate is just covered. It will not dissolve readily if the copper sulphate is placed at the bottom of the vessel. The *fresh* lime should be dissolved in another vessel using only a small amount of water at first, adding more as the process of slaking progresses. Then dilute to twenty-five gallons. The copper sulphate solution and the milk of lime should then be poured together into a third vessel which may be the spray barrel. It is best to strain the materials when pouring them together. For such purpose a copper strainer of eighteen or twenty meshes to the inch is best. It is important that practically equal amounts of the two solutions are poured together at the same time. Do not pour the copper sulphate into the milk of lime or vice versa, but both together into the third vessel. Otherwise the proper chemical combinations will not take place, sediment will form in the bottom of the spray barrel which will produce clogging at the nozzle and the proper results will not be obtained by the spraying.

In making a barrel of Bordeaux mixture *from the stock solutions*, take four gallons *each* of the copper sulphate and lime and dilute to twenty-five gallons of water in *separate vessels*. Then pour the diluted solutions together into a third vessel or the spray barrel.

A properly prepared Bordeaux mixture is of a sky blue color. With inferior or partly air slaked lime, a greenish hue results. In such case the proper chemical combinations *have not* taken place and *damage* to the foliage is apt to result.

In the use of Bordeaux mixture the hands soon become stained. This can be removed with dilute cider

and should then cost not more than six cents per pound.

For special purposes there are special sprays, like that of lime and sulphur; the ammoniacal copper carbonate to be used on fruit or ornamental plants, as it leaves no stain. Kerosene emulsion, Paris green and arsenate of lead are all valuable, and there are constantly coming on the market improved outfits for applying the sprays.

The particular outfit to be selected will depend altogether upon the amount and character of the work to be done. For spraying on a small scale the bucket or knapsack pattern, with extension hose, will be all that is needed. For orchard work a barrel sprayer is essential. In large orchards or public parks, the power sprayers should be used. No one outfit can be expected to suit all the varying conditions of spraying. That style should be selected which is best suited for the work in hand. The more expensive outfits are often the cheapest in the end, for they are the most saving of labor. In large operations an elevated platform upon the spray wagon may be used.

In Mr. Evarts booklet he gives formulas for the manufacture of all varieties of spraying mixtures, gives a list of plants which it is profitable to spray and describes the insects and diseases which attack them.

He weighs carefully the merits of different machines, gives the prices, and many illustrations to illuminate the text. We cannot better close than by giving his list of

"Things to Remember"

Spray intelligently, having a definite aim in view and knowing the results that are expected to follow.

Spray thoroughly or not at all. This can be accomplished by the application of a small amount of the spray liquid *on every part of the plant*, top, middle, and bottom. An excess of spray at any particular point is both wasteful of material and may cause injury to the foliage.

Never spray fruit trees while in bloom. The spraying is apt to wash off the pollen and when this occurs no fruit will set. The bees of the neighborhood may also be poisoned.

Label all poisons so that you will know just what they are.

Keep all poisons away from children and domestic animals.

When using a solution of a strength that may damage foliage, spray but one or two plants at first. If no damage results after three days, it may be safely applied on a larger scale.

Never use a tin vessel in making the Bordeaux mixture or other solution containing copper.

Have a good spraying outfit, one especially adapted to the work in hand.

Spray in time—A plant cannot be saved after it has been half destroyed by insects, nor will it fully recover after its tissues have become infested with a fungous disease.



Spraying Orchards with Hand Machine

A Human Interest

By Susie Bouchelle Wight

Conclusion

FOR the first time, she looked up at the man who stood silently regarding her.

"What a funny thing for a business man to do—to send all these unimportant little notes back to me," she said, and her face seemed to have grown years younger in that moment of time, and there were little ripples and thrills of gladness in her voice. "One might think it was the close of a love affair, instead of a mere matter of money. Did Mr. Mabie tell you why he sent them by messenger? That was queer too. Sit down, won't you? I am going to celebrate as the darkies do Emancipation Day. No more work for me until tomorrow." She promptly got up, and sat down again with her back toward the busy rush down on the beach near by. "I've felt myself a slave to that man, almost ever since I can remember."

"I too am acquainted with that a sort of feeling," said Mabie, a little roughly. His voice was playing him strange tricks, and there was a queer stinging sensation behind his eyelids, that he did not at all understand. Tears and their causes were as alien to him, as were the lighter joys. "I know something about that feeling," he repeated, still holding her with his eyes, as hers sought him with sympathy and understanding in their cool gray depths. "I have been his actual slave for years, and he has driven me relentlessly. I am free now, for delivering these letters to you, is my last act of servitude to him. He has been a hard task-master."

"Some way, I don't like to hear one speak so of an employer," said Jack Vandewater, "even though I know you have reason."

"I don't think he realized his own hardness, but that does not remove its effects. He was harder on me, than he ever was on any one else," said Mabie.

"Oh he wasn't so bad as one might infer," remarked the girl. "The task of taking up this old note was one that I had set myself. When he and father were young men, they got into some sort of a deal together that did not turn out very well. He lent father money to cover his part of the liabilities, and father was still owing him when he died. Mr. Mabie wrote mother, offering to cancel the debt, but of course such an idea was insulting to our self respect. Still, I am glad he did it!" She paused a moment to gaze dreamily into the palm trees beyond them, her hands clasped about her knees, before she resumed with a merry look at him. "I am glad he did it. It gave me excuse for all sorts of dreams, and dreams are about all the fun I've had. I was such a child then, and it was before all this hard work began. I had read lots of trash, and when I found out that he had written mother that letter, although I was sufficiently insulted, as mother desired me to be, I half defied the man who had thought of it in the goodness of his heart, and I made up a story that he was my guardian, and that I was going to grow up very beautiful and good, and then that he was going to fall in love with me—and that it would end as all the old time stories did—all this, mind you," her voice softened, and her eyes grew grave, "in spite of the fact that under the spell of a different sort of a story, I had only a little while before sworn undying hatred to him, and behaved very impertinently in his office, one day with father."

The silence that fell between them lasted long, for the girl's thoughts were roaming far afield, and the man was content just to watch the changing light in her eyes, the ripple of the rough brown hair above her colorless brow, and the line of pomegranate red that defined her lips.

"Which feeling has finally persevered?" he asked at length. "The romance or the undying hatred?" "Neither. They both were simply silly little dreams. After mother couldn't teach, I had to turn to, and do the only thing at hand, and I was soon too busy by day, and too tired by night for dreaming. It was nothing but a task and a taskmaster that I had to deal with. I am 'water wise,' as the negroes say, and old Toney used to take me out in the fishery boats when I was a little bit of a thing. He would perch me up on his shoulder and my baby eyes would find the ripples that betrayed the schools of fish before he could find them with his practiced vision. The fishery was all we had left so I took it up as a trade, and have been pegging away at it ever since. Heigho!" her hands fell loose again, and her shoulders dropped, while a look infinitely tired and hopeless crept into her face.

"How I used to envy the other girls that would go sailing past, or could be in the cool shade, all dressed up in pretty things, while I just had to keep the boats going and be out in them all times of the day or night, whenever the tide was right, with no companion except the hands, and no better friend to call upon than the pistol in my belt. I've never been young. I was a baby once, and now, I am an old woman—but that debt is paid and father can sleep soundly at last, up there under the oleanders."

Mabie sat mute and looked at her. The shadow of years of toil and care had dropped down over her, and the lovely face had grown old and weary. A great

fulfilment of half held dreams, a longing, masterful and wholly human, swept over him, that it might be given to him to brush her days of worry and perplexity far back into oblivion, to take her close, to protect her, and to make life as beautiful for her, as her young heart could wish. If this could be, it would be worth while, all that working and waiting.

"Suppose things should turn out like the stories after all," he said in a low strained tone. "You have not been the only dreamer. The man had read stories too, but they were not responsible for any part of his imaginings of what might sometime be. It was just the memory of a high spirited child's little face, that was kept fresh and real to him by the letters that marked her plucky struggle as she grew up into womanhood. Sometimes, of late years, the desire grew very strong to end it for her by going to her, as the men in the story books do." He met the quick flash of her eyes, steadily, and rose by her side, as she almost leap to her feet.

"I did not recognize you," she said haughtily, "I have misled myself in taking you for your own clerk. I have been boring you with utter nonsense. I beg your pardon."

She turned abruptly away, and back toward the fishermen down on the stretch of beach.

"Wait, Miss Vandewater," he implored, at her side in an instant. One fleeting look had shown him that the scarlet lips were trembling pitifully, in spite of the indignant pride that darkened her face. "I have a great deal more to say to you. What I have to tell you has seemed some sort of an excuse for my waiting, but now it all seems different, and concealment is not for me toward you—"

"Any further discussion is useless," she broke in passionately. "Our business is closed, and I have my work to do." She took a few more steps towards the fishermen.

"I know I have acted shamefully," he said coolly, "and I am not one to interrupt work, for that I know to be a thing unbearable, but I shall wait until you have finished. Our business is not finished, and moreover I have the right to say my say to you."

She turned and looked him over from head to foot; her hurt pride all carefully masked in the forced calm of her face, although two scarlet spots glowed high in her cheeks. "If it is business—of course," she spoke with a slight, but unmistakable emphasis. "You may come up to Beaulieu this evening at eight."

At eight he was there, but it was a different thing to say what must be said there among the faded and shabby splendors of the old place, and to the slender elegant woman in black, to what it had been to listen to the confidences of the fisherwomen down at the river's mouth. Mabie did not know what it was to be balked in any determination, and so with an effort he compelled himself to begin as though their conversation had not come to such an abrupt end with her recognition of his identity.

"As I was saying, I had dreams too—story book dreams, as you called them. If it had not been for these, I dare say that I should have lost touch with human kind and have become a mere machine—" he did not pause, although he saw one corner of her scarlet mouth lift significantly. "There were times when it came to me that maybe the payments you were sending me so regularly must be at the cost of all the childishness of the child that had stormed her way into my thoughts and life, and at such times the impulse would grow very strong to end it all—there was a way, which I shall tell you presently—but one day I saw a young girl on the streets that I knew was about your age. It dawned upon me as I looked at her, attracted by some faint resemblance to you, that you were a child no longer. The other thoughts came then, and a certain temptation, born of my habits of life and reasoning, came with them."

She had begun listening, with polite indifference, but as he spoke on, the remote look slowly faded from her eyes, and she leaned forward, with her cheek upon her palm, gazing at him, and paying him the tribute of closer attention that one might give to an interesting, but entirely impersonal story.

"You see, I have never doubted for a moment that I would make my pile and just then when the temptation came to me, to throw everything down, come down to Florida and woo you and win you, as other men woo and win—things were coming my way faster than ever. To stop right then, and go to philandering would have put my goal years ahead, when I was even then almost in sight of it. I could not make up my mind to the luxury of acting on an impulse."

A flush had stolen into her face, and the eyes that had regarded him curiously, held glints of dreams in their depths. He paused a moment to regard her, and his lips twitched with sudden emotion, as he proceeded, "I have been the slave of expediency. It is my punishment that even the tenderest, the dearest impulses have been subordinated to that." He paused again. All her angry resentment seemed to have vanished, and she was listening so eagerly, still with that soft

light in her eyes. If only he might leave the rest unsaid! It was the ugliest thing he had ever been guilty of, as he thought of it now. He had prided himself upon being honest always, even if he had earned for himself a reputation for hardness. If he might only leave it unsaid! But no, he would be absolutely frank with her. After it was all said, he knew that he was going to set himself to win and carry her away with him, and though he foresaw that it was going to be harder than anything he had ever accomplished, he would not allow doubts to creep in, so he decided in favor of a complete understanding, as a basis of his wooing. He went about it in the business like way that had always characterized his ways of thought and life.

"I am interested," she said gently. "Will you not go on? This is such an unusual method of being made love to, that I hate to miss a word of it."

They gazed into each other's eyes for a moment. Hers were laughing, but his determined and grave.

"I did not come then for two reasons. As I have said, I could not afford to interrupt my own career just then, and because I was so in the habit of bending everything to my own ambition, I reflected that the discipline of just such an experience as you were undergoing was fitting you splendidly to be a rich man's wife—to handle money and administer affairs wisely. Wait—don't scorn me utterly! You said you would hear me, don't go! It was an honest mistake that I made, and I see it now, but I had learned how to wait, and so I just waited about coming to you—and worse than all—waited to come and tell you that the old Alhambra stock that I held of your father's was not quite worthless after all. Three years ago, when the very name of it was almost forgotten, an accident brought it into momentary notice, and I sold poor Van's stock for—this." He bent forward and laid a bond in her lap. "You are not a poor woman any longer—" He was arrested by the wave of blank misery that whitened her face, and the intense accusing brightness of her eyes.

"Three years?" She was almost sobbing. "I could have been free three years ago and with your coldness and your calculation you have robbed me of every thing? I believe father was right! You would have taken the shirt off his back!"

"It was not coldness!" he protested, trying to speak calmly, though it was hard to do when he looked at that proud little head dropped into her hands, as she sat before him, mute and motionless. "It was not coldness. I am not merely a calculating machine, I tell you! I often had a man's mad longing for home and love, but habit was strong, and I had behind me years of remembering how cruel life is to the moneyless. I knew nothing else to do but to be cautious and bide my time in this as in all else. The stock, as well as Beaulieu was mortgaged to me for the payment of this debt—I had a sort of right to hold it—you see. I am trying hard to be perfectly honest with you. I want you to think of me just as badly as I deserve, but oh—do not make it any worse than it really is—"

"Jack! Where are you, lady?" It was a thin feeble voice that called, and there came down the hall, the tap tapping of a crutch. She raised her head, and brushed her hands hastily over her face.

"Here, Lee!" she called back to him. In another moment he stood in the doorway, a pinched and pitiful figure, all drawn and distorted with rheumatism.

"My husband, Mr. Vandewater, Mr. Mabie," she spoke the little formula of introduction steadily, and some sort of a greeting passed between the two men.

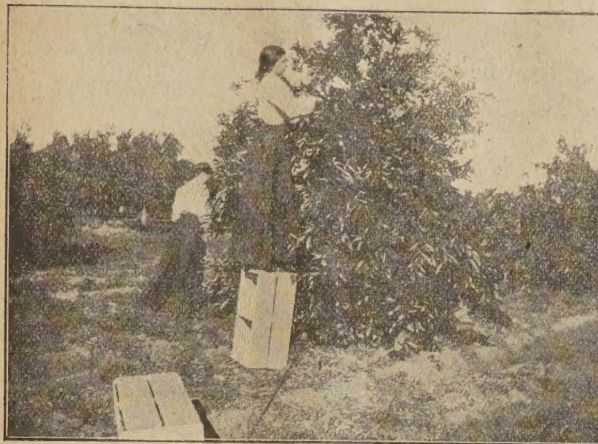
A first suspiciousness in the cripple's face gave way to uneasiness at sight of the legal looking paper upon his wife's knee, and with a deprecatory look in his restless eyes, he began turning himself away.

"I never interrupt business," he apologized, as he withdrew. Mabie did not speak until the last tap of that crutch had died away down the long hall. The woman's head had dropped again to the table by her but she lifted it at his hoarse exclamation, "Good God!" His own face was whiter than hers and his lips were drawn into a line of pain. To see her tied to that puny specimen—her—in all her young loveliness—her very life a slavery! "Tell me how that happened!" he commanded.

"It was two years ago," she answered dully. "He had become utterly helpless, and it was for me to take care of him, or allow a Vandewater to be sent to the poorhouse. Mother had just died, and every cent I could spare was going on those payments to you, so there was nothing to do but bring him here and take care of him, for I couldn't hire any one to do it for me. Then after a little, people began to talk so badly, even though he was my cousin—everybody knew that he had been begging me to marry him ever since we were children—and I had to give in—that is all—but if I could have had the money, I could have sent him away—still, I guess the discipline was good for me!" It was just one last flash of her spirit, for she did not say another word, but rising, she bowed to him slightly and left the room.

Orange Ranching for

Pleasure and Profit



By Felix J. Koch

THERE is probably only one place in all the world where it may be said that millionaires, and others, who, while not exactly millionaires are to be classed as people of means, take to ranching primarily because it is the thing to do and a pleasureable pastime, and after that, with a view to the profit it yields. As Riverside, the winter resort, it is world-famous; as the land of the millionaire rancher it is almost unknown.

The story of Riverside's ranching is an interesting one. We of the East are accustomed to regard a ranch as a place primarily of thousands of acres of land, and devoted almost exclusively to the raising of cattle and perhaps sheep or swine. Out in the West, however, such a place would be termed a range, while a ranch may mean anything from a garden-plot up. In fact one has egg-ranches, bee-ranches, and any other sorts of ranches in California, and among these the orange-ranches of the well-to-do take first rank.

Whether it is because of the fact that the orange was so long a delicacy to which the rich could alone aspire, or whether the very beauty of the long orange groves had their influence on the planter leading him to better things, orange-raising and culture have always gone hand in hand. The story is an interesting one. In the first place, in the planting of the groves the men take all the care they would in setting out a park or landscape terrace, for the orange grove is their great garden-estate. The trees are set twenty feet from one another in every direction. This planting usually occurs in the spring.

When the tree has been raised from the seed, at about the second year it is budded, if the navel or seedless orange is desired.

It is safe to say that there are more men of wealth and leisure in Riverside who understand budding than there are in any one state of the Union who have an inkling of any similar horticultural process. In order to obtain the navel orange, it is found that right under the top of the leaf stem there is a little growth that would start a small branch if let alone. In order to have that reproduced, the men cut a slit sufficiently large in the main shoot and loosen the bark. They then slip this bud in, tying the whole over with wax-cord, so that it may hold and grow. Once the bud has partly grown out of this main shoot, the main shoot is cut off above, leaving stem and trunk at angles, so that the little slip may now go on to form the main tree.

In three or four years the orange trees begin to bear fruit at Riverside. Just when they reach their fullest maturity is unknown. There are some trees here that have lived to be thirty-five years of age and are bearing as fully as ever.

Navel oranges, however, are believed to mature at the age of twelve or fifteen and to be at their best from fifteen to eighteen. The original navels came from Brazil, two trees being sent, the one still preserved in the gardens of one of the great Riverside hotels.

The money of the orange-rancher has come in good stead, in order to enable him to perfect the study of the trade. Seedling oranges, for example, it has been found, mature at a later period, so that when the navels are out of the market, they come, and their prices, in consequence, are about the same. The navel will ripen anywhere from January to July, at Riverside, and the seedlings are ripe about two months later.

A good orange-tree in this region will net the picker from three to ten boxes, worth from seventy-five cents to two dollars a box. Boxes, it might be added, range from sixty-four to three hundred oranges. Blood oranges, Mediterranean sweets, Valencias, St. Michaels, and the like, are the more popular varieties, but the navel is by all odds the finest brand, and owing to transportation arrangements, the prices for these are kept the same here as in the East. An acre of navels

will bring from two hundred to five hundred dollars a year, while the cost of irrigating (which is done by gasoline pumps), and of tending, is not over twenty.

Fog is usually the great enemy of oranges, but here there is none of that. Scale and frosts, however, must be guarded against, so that at seasons great canvases are laid over the groves, in order to disinfect. Attempts have been made with burning fire-pots in the orchards subject to frosts, although this has been proved ineffective, and when the temperature gets down to twenty-five the orange-ranchers worry. Frequently in the smudging or frost-fighting, coal and crude oil are burned, or steam is employed, sixty to a hundred fires being set in a grove to heat it. Against the scale, aside from fumigating, spraying is often done.

Out in the orange belt of Riverside there are a hundred and one things to interest the stranger. Leaving Colton on the main stem of the Southern Pacific, for the groves of the millionaires, every little station seems to bespeak oranges and oranges alone. There are two or three huge, long depot-like packing-houses at a switch, and trains of fruit-cars on a siding. Then on every side, are the endless, beautiful groves, with the great golden balls peering out from beneath the glossy leaves and the odor of the blossoms filling the air.

Here, at one place, is a sort of barnacle on the ranchers, an establishment living from them and making marmalades and orange-wine from the peel of the otherwise "second grade" oranges. Orange flavors and extracts too, are made here from the excess crop of the oranges.

And the tricks of the trade are innumerable! Under certain ways of cultivation, you are told, one man and a team can care for thirty acres of oranges. Then, too, peas can profitably be planted between the trees, adding not alone a little additional to the income, but serving to beautify the general aspect of the whole. Furthermore the peas can later be plowed up, and serve as a fertilizer to the grove, loosening the ground, making it easier to work, and also creating a humus condition. Then, too, the question of water is an interesting study, and this is brought to the fine point where one inch of water per five acres is estimated on.

While you are in the orange country you may look for western hospitality. You are standing at the track watching the shipping of the fruit. A handsome wagonette drives up, and the driver notes the stranger and asks him if he cares to ride. In a moment you are whirling on, up through those interminable groves of oranges. Orchards with the green pea plants, orchards hemmed in by vineyards, which, in their own turn, are enclosed by lines of grape-fruit trees! For the grape fruit there is less sale than there is of the orange, in Riverside, and there is far less stolen by passing tourists.

Yonder is a row of lemon-trees, and, in their midst, some young women are picking. As they pick they speak of Mardi Gras, of yachting to the Heavenly Isles, of the Rose Tournament and the ball-room, for though now back in the simple life, they are resting and gaining vigor for a return to social pleasures. Not that they make a practice of this. Oh no, but when the sun shines warm and the birds sing in the groves, it is quite the fashion to take to the orange ranch and lend a hand at the picking.

Up on the heights the perspective is wonderfully beautiful. You over-look the great valley of dark green orange groves, dotted, in places, by the lime-piles for fertilizer, or with the water pipes that serve to irrigate. Here and there, amid the groves, stands the winter home of the owner, and for the little ones of the locality is a schoolhouse shaded by the taller lacey pepper trees. Then, behind, rise the great barren mountains, with the huge bleak boulders, on which gold is now being traced.

You cannot resist the temptation to get out and walk and ply the camera. Likewise, from the bounteous

fruit upon the ground, you help yourself. Two oranges and a grape-fruit form a between-meal lunch here in the fruit lands, and though there be more on every hand you can no longer eat.

Down sandy lanes among the groves, where Japs are gathering the fruit at so much per box, through byways fringed with the wild geranium and the shepherds-purse, and under ladders set against the low trees, with boxes ready at their feet, you wander ever on, listening to the happy voices—voices refined and cultivated their owners gathering else-where in the groves.

How do they gather the oranges? Here is a gay company, helping load the loose boxes into a wagon, to be taken to their home in the grove. Each of the boys wears a canvas bag about a foot and a half long, and held to a belt by a wire at either side. By means of this when the bag is full, one needs only release the clamp, and dump the oranges into boxes, about eighty from every sack.

A little nipper serves to snap the oranges from the trees, and then to clip the stem to the very end, for a short stem left on the orange in the box will prick its neighbor and serve to spoil it.

Into the great boxes the pickers empty their sacks hap-hazard, and when there are perhaps a hundred and twenty boxes full, the golden mass is thrown into a two-horse wagon and taken to the packeries. There three of the looser boxes will be resolved to one.

Pickers in the groves at Riverside receive from two to three and one-half cents the box for loose packing.

They will work from about seven in the morning until five, and will pick perhaps a hundred boxes in such a day. Women are frequently met at the work, but the professional pickers are principally men. Japs at the work get a fixed one dollar and seventy-five cents the day. There is always an abundance of labor in season and at the same time all who want work can get it. In a ten-acre grove twelve Japs will usually be set working at once, as the Japs work in "gangs," whereas white pickers invariably contract singly.

Yonder, where the bucket of tar-bricks stands, ready to smoulder away all night and ward off frost from the middle of some row, there may be a clump of lemon-trees, though there are not so many of these, owing to the low prices which do not pay. Grape-fruit, too, yielding but four or five boxes to the tree are less numerous.

Lemons will be picked every six weeks in the season, and are placed in adobe buildings, known as coolers. They are picked both ripe and green, so long as the size is right.

Just beyond again is a packery, at the railway, boxes of oranges are being emptied into a chute, where they fall into a long slot, resembling the returning-alleys for the ten-pin balls. In this chute there are apertures, through which the oranges fall according to size, first the smallest, then the ever larger and larger, so sorting themselves onto the canvas, beneath, and from that into bins. There girls wait, wrapping each orange about with a bit of tissue paper and then packing the fruit into crates. From the packery into the refrigerator-cars on the siding, where there are places for ice at either end, and room for fifty thousand pounds of freight between, is an easy step.

One likes to linger at these little stations, High Grove and the rest of them, until the narrow gauge for Riverside is due, watching the packing of the oranges. Even the crates piled high on the platform, have a fascination of their own. Then, those oranges divided by the chutes into twelve several sizes; the thirty to forty packers, working on a three-cent box arrangement, regardless of size of fruit packed, eager to finish their hundred boxes per diem; in the cars the three hundred and eighty-four cases, set in rows 'cross the car with scantlings between to admit of proper ventilation and, above all, the rich odors of the fruit, present a picture quite unique.

Through Crater Lake Park

By Dennis H. Stovall

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK embraces 250 square miles of wonderland in the Oregon Cascades. It is 250 square miles of grandeur, bordered by snowcapped mountains and sentinels by glittering peaks and lofty crags. Of all the many parks over which Uncle Sam has a guarding hand, this is most

like a park, because it is God-made. It is a region of broad plateaus, of meadowlands waist-high in grass and millet, of trackless forests of pine and hemlock, and of beds of lava. It contains many natural wonders that are rivaled only by the far-famed Yellowstone, chief of which is Crater Lake itself.

It requires three days by wagon to reach the park from the railroad, following the raging Rogue River through the Great Sugar Pine Forest Reserve, the largest forest of sugar pine in the world. One may camp in the black hemlock's near the lake's rim, and in the shade of a snowbank in mid-August. Here also are found the columbine, the violet, the verbena and the lily, fighting for a footing in the fat soil by the tardy snows.

One can drive a wagon to the rim of the lake and look down, down at the blue, intensely blue, depths 1,500 feet below. Far, far across, the Palisades rear their bronzed walls of stone. There are twenty miles of shore line to the lake, all sheer precipices from 1000 to 2000 feet high. Out, only a stone's throw it seems, yet it is two and one-half miles away, is cone-

shaped Wizard Island, the last smoking chimney of the once mighty volcano.

Yes, the volcano, for here long, long ago, was enacted the greatest tragedy the world has ever known—a tragedy that shook two hemispheres and upturned half a continent. Where the majestic lake now rests serene, once reared a towering peak, the greatest peak

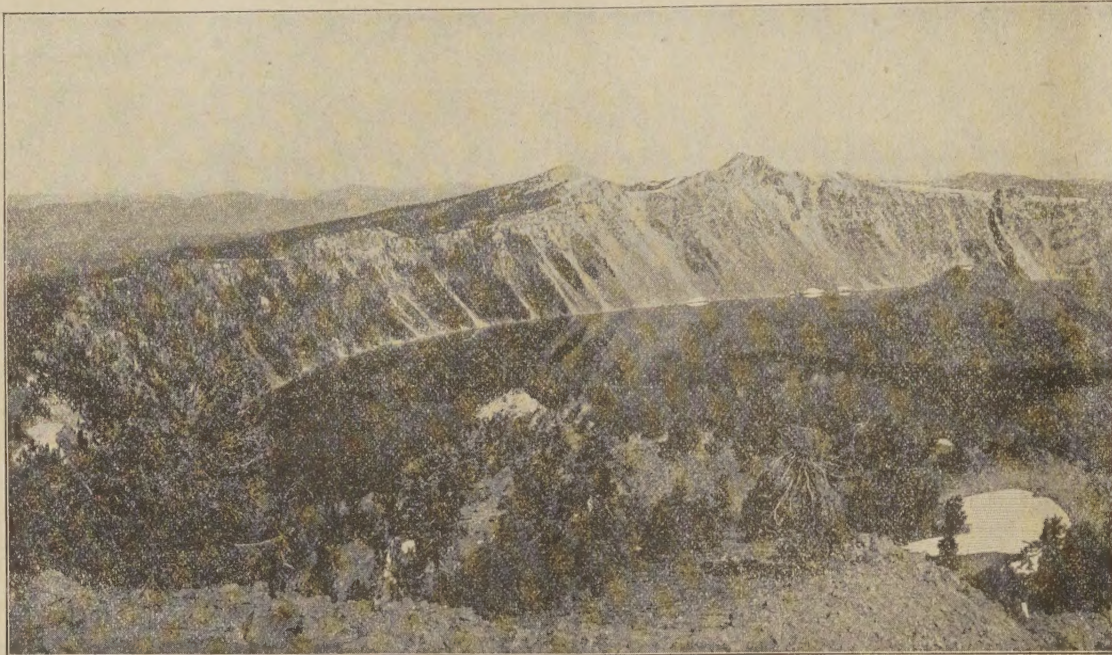
and afterward came the chill of old age. And on the fatal day when the Bridge of the Gods fell in, the old hollow mountain, with an exploding crash that rent the earth, fell into itself. The whole top blew off and old Mazama no longer looked down upon the surrounding mountain peaks. Nothing remains of the once lofty mountain but the

base, which forms the rim of Crater Lake. How this was filled with water and remains so year after year, with no outlet, no inlet, is a mystery none can solve.

The water of Crater Lake is cold and pure and sweet. A gentle breeze fans across and keeps the little waves ever splashing, splashing against the rocks. Aside from this and the occasional whisperings of the wind through the hemlock boughs, there are no other sounds. It has been rightly called the "Sea of Silence."

Up there, indeed, is the place of all places to go to be away from the busy world and its activities, its worries, its cares. Up there is quietude, restful, peaceful quietude. There are no railroads, no summer hotels, no crowd of tourists. Up there you may go and roll in the snow to your heart's content while other folk are sweltering in the August sun.

Weary of this, you can stroll down to wide meadows blazing with honeysuckle. Up there you'll find no summer landlord to fuss and fume. At Crater Lake Nature is host, and she offers her brimming cup in endless variety, served in a grand hall, the sky its ceiling, the mountains its walls.



Crater Lake

of all the great peaks of the New World. This great peak was Mount Mazama, the ancient volcano which erupted regularly its fire, lava and ashes upon the surrounding country. But, like a spendthrift, he wasted his substance and became a hollow, a mere shell of a mountain. The fires of youth died away

Cupid at Camp-Meeting

Muscular Christianity Triumphs

By HUGH A. C. WALKER

THAT auspicious day, Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, had dawned cloudlessly, and for miles in all directions along the sandy roads might be seen carriage-loads and buggy-loads and wagon-loads of people, all journeying with devoted enthusiasm toward Indian Fields. Camp-meeting was to begin that night; the annual tidal wave of religious and social life was setting majestically in.

Earlier in the day, ahead of this host of faithful pilgrims, had gone wagons piled high with household articles and provisions; it had looked as if every family in the county was moving at once. In each wagon there were beds and chairs, pots and pans, crockery and tableware; huge joints of beef and hams, bags of cereals, immense stacks of cakes and pies, coops of chickens tied on behind, and—as likely as not—a sleek, well-fed cow bringing up the rear. Seated upon the top of the load, very probably, was a rosy-cheeked, light-hearted country girl, carrying in her hand some more delicate household article, a lamp—or, more likely, a looking-glass, for this was a time when all girls wanted to look their best.

Camp-meeting is the greatest occasion of the year for the people of Dorchester and the surrounding counties; no other holiday at all approaches it in importance or interest. Homes are locked up, business is suspended, and everything is laid aside until the following Monday, when Camp-meeting breaks up. It is to these people almost what the Olympian Games were to the Greeks, an occasion from which they largely reckon their time; an event is spoken of as having occurred so long before or after Camp-meeting of such or such a year. Here, once a year, friends meet to renew old relationships and busy house-wives, who perhaps have not been out of sight of home during the

intervening twelvemonth, break the bars of their imprisonment and revel in the excitement and freedom. For the young people, it is a time when Cupid smiles most encouragingly; more good, old-fashioned "courtin'" is done during Camp-meeting than during all the rest of the year put together.

Indian Fields camp-ground is ideally situated on a high and level stretch of ground in the midst of a grove of oaks and lofty pines. The "tents," considerably over a hundred in number, stand in a circle of about a mile, all facing toward the center of the enclosure. One of the best of these shacks is set apart for the use of the ministers in attendance and is known as the "preachers' tent"; the reverend gentlemen lodge here and take their meals around among their brethren.

At the center of the enclosure is an immense shed called "the stand," under which religious exercises are conducted. Small platforms covered with earth are dotted about over the camp-ground, upon which fires of pine-knots are kept up during the night to furnish light.

Among the train of vehicles on their way to Indian Fields that glorious Wednesday was the carriage of old Colonel Moore, in which rode the Colonel with his wife and only daughter, Molly. With her abundance of fluffy, soft black hair, deep-blue eyes that sparkled mischievously beneath the fringes of long black lashes, fresh, clear skin tinged with the warm color of youth and health, red lips, and figure made up of exquisite curves—Molly Moore was one of the prettiest girls that ever went to a camp-meeting. There was always a stir when she arrived on the ground; the young country swains swarmed around her like bees around a clover-blossom, while many less favored friends of her own sex looked on with envy and languished alone. She was one of the kind who thoroughly enjoy living,

whose consciences give them little trouble; light-hearted and happy herself, she made those around her light-hearted and happy, too.

It was nothing to cause surprise, therefore, when the new young minister, Reverend Mr. Cruikshanks, from the neighboring "circuit" of Beersheba met Molly and immediately became a captive to her charms. The minister was a man of rather low stature, but of athletic build, with good shoulders and chest. His legs had a decided bow in them, which was only partially concealed by the long black clergyman's coat he wore. His clean-shaven face was strong, not handsome; the pronounced features displayed character rather than beauty. A correct idea of one facial feature, at least, may best be gotten from Presiding Elder Wiggins' reflection on the subject. One morning the preachers in their tent had become engaged in a conversation regarding the wonderful power of the Creator. In the midst of it, Cruikshanks quietly arose and left the tent, whereupon, Elder Wiggins in slow and solemn voice remarked:

"Yes, brethren, His power is unspeakable, but there's one thing that even He can't do."

This immediately brought out a volley of "whats?" "Why," said the Elder, as solemnly as ever, "He can't make Cruikshanks's mouth any bigger without settin' his ears back."

Rev. Mr. Cruikshanks in introducing himself always laid special emphasis on the first syllable of his name, pronouncing the *u* long; he skipped over the last syllable with a graceful and airy lightness, it was *Cruikesh'nks*. This artful device, however, failed to keep people's eyes from falling spontaneously upon his lower limbs when the name was heard for the first time, and when the unusually perfect appropriateness

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CHAPTER XI

DADDY'S CONSENT

ETHEL HORTON remained on the veranda. Her mother retired to her room. In reply to an inquiry from her father, Ethel said: "Oh, yes, daddy, I like Mr. Stanton very much. He is quite interesting. I think your tastes and mine are much alike anyway, don't you?"

"I think they are," replied the cattle king, gallantly, "although it is a compliment to me, rather than to you, my little girl."

Ethel laughed. "I say, daddy, you can make as fine speeches as any of them," and the girl was soon seated on his knee.

"This is something like old times," said her father, as he clasped her closer to him. It was an hour for girlish confidences, and one that Ethel determined to improve.

"Did you ever think," inquired her father, teasingly, "that I was especially stupid?"

"No, daddy, I really never did; but, do you know, in England they boast a great deal, in quiet ways, and they make you feel fidgety, as if having been born in America were a calamity."

"That's all nonsense," replied her father. "To be an American, Ethel, in my mind, is a greater good fortune than to have been born a member of the most distinguished of England's titled aristocracy. Understand me, daughter," he continued, "the English are a great nation, but titles, of which some boast so much, had a beginning, and the conditions that gave them an opportunity to do deeds of valor, are also here in America, developing the sterling qualities of manhood in their highest perfection."

"Bravo!" cried Ethel. "That's good, daddy; it makes my American blood just tingle. I wish," she continued, half petulantly, "I had never gone away to that London school."

"No, Ethel," replied her father, as he gently stroked her heavy, dark tresses, "no, you must not say that. It was your mother's best judgment that you should go; but life again seems complete now that you are at home."

"Do you believe, daddy, that the best class of Americans care for titles, royalty, or anything of that sort?"

"My dear child, many wearers of English titles nowadays are but twaddling idlers—frayed remnants of a former illustrious ancestry. Whatever other views you may entertain, never believe that there is anything in a mere title. I would not disparage any man simply because he bore a title, neither would I give him a hair's-breadth of preference. This, my little girl, is a plain statement of your old father's views."

Ethel nestled still closer to him, and he fancied she shivered a little, as if a sob were struggling for mastery. Presently she said, "I want to talk to you, daddy; I want to tell you something no one else knows. Do you think, daddy, if some great English lord should come over here for me that you would give me up to him, and let me be carried back to England and, perhaps, never see you again?"

"Why, Ethel, my darling child," replied her father, hesitatingly, "I presume that if your heart were set upon it, I would give my consent. Your mother has intimated what we might expect, but it will be a great trial to me, Ethel."

"Oh, mamma has intimated, has she?" mused Ethel, half to herself. "Listen, daddy—what if a real American brainworker should want—want me—you know, and I should care for him—care more for him than for all the titles of the nobility—what then, daddy? What then would you do? Would you be on my side, or against me? Tell me, daddy, dear, how would it be?"

The girl's breath came short and quick. John Horton felt her tremble and a light began to dawn upon him. He imagined, and rightly, that the girl was half-afraid of her mother.

"In such a case as that, Ethel, can you doubt the stand I would take?"

"No, but let me hear you say it, daddy;—just what you would do."

"On your side, my daughter, forever, and we would fight to a finish on that line, if it took all the beeves and mavericks on the range."

"Oh, daddy, daddy," cried the girl, as she gave way to a flood of tears, "I—I love you so—so much!"

Tears sprang to the cattle king's eyes. Ethel's soft sobs stole out on the wandering night winds. When she reached her own room that night, she wrote a letter to Jack Redfield, which read as follows:

"DEAREST JACK:—Daddy is on our side. I am almost too happy to write. I know now what that feeling was,—love, Jack, love for you. Come and see

me as soon as you can, and meet the grandest daddy in the whole world. Yes, I love you, love you, love you.

"All your own,
"ETHEL."

Mrs. Lyman Osborn called the next day, and in her neighborly kindness she consented to carry this letter, with others, from the Horton ranch to the post-office.

On the following day Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton called at the Osborn home.

"My dear Lucy," said she, sinking into a chair in Mrs. Osborn's exquisite boudoir, "I felt that I must see you. You attended to the letter properly, I suppose?"

"Trust me for that, my dear Mrs. Horton," replied Mrs. Osborn, meaningly.

"How good of you," murmured Mrs. Horton. "I



A Cascade in Crater Lake Park

really could not hope to get on at all in this matter if it were not for you."

"You see my fears in regard to Doctor Redfield were well founded," replied Mrs. Osborn.

"Indeed, I realize it," said Mrs. Horton, emphatically, "and now we are confronted by this Mr. Stanton. My husband is really quite charmed with him. I don't see why Doctor Avondale is so dilatory about coming. I certainly wish he would hasten."

"My dear Mrs. Horton," replied her friend, "trust me to guard off this Mr. Stanton. I have already assured him that Miss Ethel is spoken for, and I feel sure that he is too honorable to intrude himself when he regards Ethel as already engaged."

"But she is not engaged yet—that is the trouble," exclaimed Mrs. Horton, who at heart was really an estimable woman.

"How delightfully innocent you are," laughed Mrs. Osborn. "Why, my dear Mrs. Horton, of course she is not engaged, but that does not prevent our saying she is, when it will protect the girl."

"Perhaps you are right," replied Mrs. Horton, with a sigh, "but I do dislike duplicity, and really, Lucy, I feel worried about that letter. Why Ethel can't see the advantage to be derived from a marriage into such an old family as the Avondales is quite past my comprehension."

"My husband," continued Mrs. Horton, "is cer-

tainly a good man, but some way he does not appreciate the nobility. Still, I am much attached to him; I really am, Lucy."

"Oh, don't be sentimental, Mrs. Horton," laughed her companion. "Wait until Ethel is Lady Avondale, and you and I will quite desert the frontier for merry old England."

CHAPTER XII

KANSAS PROHIBITION

One evening, not very many days after Hugh's visit to the Horton family, he happened to meet Linus Lynn, the justice of the peace. He introduced himself to Hugh by saying that he had been intending to do himself the honor of calling at the bank.

"But business, you know, Mr. Stanton, is a very jealous master." A falstaff smile overspread his chubby face as he spoke.

"Quite true," replied Hugh. "I hope soon to form the acquaintance of every business man in Meade."

"That's where you're wrong," said Judge Lynn, as he shut one eye knowingly.

The judge was in many respects an odd-looking individual, and Hugh instinctively said, at first sight, "Here is a character."

"In the first place and chiefly, his appearance gave evidence that Kansas prohibition did not prohibit. His bloated face attested to this, while his alcoholic breath was conviction itself."

He knew every resident of Meade—in fact he knew every soul in the county and for miles beyond its borders—he also, in turn, was known. He was a pioneer of Kansas and a fixture on the streets of Meade and he had industriously whittled every dry-goods box in front of every store.

He was a philanthropist in the way of giving good advice. Above all, Judge Lynn posed as the consulting oracle of the farmer, and the farmer generally listened while he talked. Then, too, he was a weather prophet.

In a professional way, Lynn recognized to a very high degree his own ability. In fact, on several occasions, he had taken issues with and attempted to reverse decisions of the higher courts.

The peculiarities of his appearance were augmented by a tall silk hat. This hat the people declared he had always had, and they revered it for its years of service.

The younger generation, in their thoughtlessness had nicknamed Judge Lynn the "town spinning-top." The more daring boys went so far as to discuss among themselves, in caucus secrecy, the great time they could have if, by some means, they could wind a cord around the judge's spindle-legs, and on up to his mighty waist, and then, by some device, jerk the cord and send him into revolutions.

"There's where you're wrong, Mr. Stanton," repeated Judge Lynn, "plenty of fellows around here that you're better off not to know. It's expensive to know them."

"Why, how is that?" inquired Hugh. "Well, let's walk around here," said Lynn, "where we can sit down, and I'll give you some pointers that won't come amiss for you to know."

Hugh accompanied his new-found acquaintance, who led him around a corner and down a paved alley. A little farther on, the judge knocked; a door was quickly opened. Hugh found himself in the back room of one of the many drug stores of Meade. The place was provided with deal tables, chairs, and lounges. The two seated themselves at one of the numerous small tables.

"Well, what'll you have, Stanton?" asked the judge. "It's my treat."

"Seltzer," replied Hugh.

"Hey there! seltzer and a beer," called out the judge to the "druggist" in attendance. "Seltzer may suit you, but beer is good enough for me," said Judge Lynn. "Fact is I never drink anythin' stronger'n beer until nine o'clock, and then take it straight. My life is guarded 'round with well-defined rules, and I'm a stickler on rules, and never break 'em unless the occasion is a little out er the ordinary."

"I was not aware," observed Hugh, when the seltzer and a foaming glass of beer had been placed on the table before them, "that we had saloons in Meade. You know Kansas has the reputation of being a great prohibition State."

"That's our boast—no open saloons," said the judge, as he blew the foam from his glass of beer, "we Kansans are mighty particular 'bout appearances. Now, there's twenty odd drug stores in this 'ere town and every one of 'em has a back door."

"What!" exclaimed Hugh, "do all the drug stores have a saloon in the rear?"

"Not a saloon, Mr. Stanton," replied the judge, suavely, "but they all have a restin'-place—a genle-

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The Shrubbery in April

By Danske Dandridge

Those who spend the spring months in the country would find a great deal of enjoyment from planting a portion of their pleasure-grounds with a special view to its effect in early April. The earliest to bloom among shrubs should find a home in such a spot, as well as those plants that gain their foliage early in the season, as a background of green is very desirable for the few blossoms that can be coaxed into flower in the first half of this capricious month. The outskirts of a plantation of Evergreens would be a most appropriate situation for such a group, and a southern aspect should be chosen, as, if the plants can be protected from the searching winds of spring and fully exposed to the warm sun, they will give very much earlier bloom than in a more open position, and gladden our eyes with their fresh beauty before we fully realize that old winter has really taken flight.

For foliage I would recommend the Bush Honeysuckles, whose delicate green leaves, expanding early in April, would contrast well with the more sombre foliage of the background of Evergreens. Cydonias, the Flowering Currants, and some Spiraeas, are all appropriate for the April shrubbery. *Spiraea sorbifolia* is one of the first of these to don its new suit of leaves. Its pinnate, delicately serrate foliage, resembles that of the Mountain Ash. The little leaflets are red-tipped, with an almost transparent lucid green, when they first unfold in the later days of March.

Spiraeas Van Houttei, *Thunbergii* and *brunifolia* should have a place in the April garden. The two last of these bloom from the middle of April to the first of May according to climate.

Thunberg's Barberry begins to leaf at the same time, earlier than the other members of its family. Some of the red berries of the autumn are usually still brilliant amid the tender new foliage, and the small, not very conspicuous blossoms may be expected later in the month.

The Japan Corchorus, the Broom, and the Redstemmed Dogwood should be admitted into this early garden for the sake of the bright coloring of their leafless branches. The Corchorus, too, is constantly in bloom from April until severe frost.

If one has sufficient room and if the situation of the shrubbery be suitable, the bright-stemmed Willows might also be introduced, as well as one or two species that have conspicuous yellow flowers in April. *Salix vitellina* has yellow branches which deepen in spring, as the sap rises, almost to orange, and *Salix vitellina Britzensis* has conspicuous red stems as bright as those of some of the red-branched Cornels.

Alders, especially the Japanese species, are worthy a place in this shrubbery for their very early and pretty catkins, and Hazels are interesting to the lover of shrubs for the same reason. Both the green-leaved and purple-leaved Hazels are usually in leaf by the middle of April.

Our native Spice-bush and Leather-wood will do well in a moist position, where they will flower a little later than the *Daphnes* and *Jasminum nudiflorum*, and the very pretty *Rhodora Canadensis*, which, with the Winter-sweet, *Chimonanthus fragrans* are the earliest of hardy shrubs to flower.

The Weeping Japanese Cherry is often covered with its beautiful pendent blossoms by the second week in April, hereabouts; and *Prunus pissardii*, Almonds, and *Prunus Myrobolana* bloom at nearly the same time. Then there are two beautiful early-flowering

Magnolias, both from Japan, that should have prominent places. These are *Magnolia stellata*, and *M. conspicua*. These fine shrubs, or small trees, bloom in April, and are then covered with large white and fragrant flowers. There is also a variety of *Magnolia stellata* that has pink blossoms.

The Jerusalem Cherry, which is really a Cornel, is another April-bloomer, with small yellow flowers before the leaves, so freely produced as to give the little tree a very gay appearance while they last, and succeeded by pretty red berries. There should also be groups of Forsythias. *Forsythia Fortunei* has brownish yellow branches and *Forsythia viridissima* has bright green stems which make them effective for winter planting. Besides this they are among the earliest of shrubs to flower.

Nor need vines be excluded. Where Ivy will flourish it would be well to plant it largely, especially if

Yuccas are always in order, and nothing makes them change color. They are, however, most effective in clumps by themselves.

Enough has been said to suggest to the enthusiastic lover of nature a most charming sheltered bit of shrubbery wherein to enjoy the sunny April days in company with the venturesome song-birds who "come before the swallow dares," such as the song-sparrow, the bluebird, the cardinal grosbeak, and the robin, who would be sure to make such a retreat their favorite haunt and trysting place.

Shall We Plant Annuals or Perennials?

By Florence Beckwith

If one has but a limited space for a garden and not over-much time to devote to it, each recurring season brings the question whether the most of it shall be given to annuals or perennials. Of course, there are some annuals, old-time favorites and others, which have claims that cannot be ignored, which must have a place each year. We cannot very well do without asters, mignonette, pansies, petunias, phlox Drummondii, poppies, nasturtiums and sweet peas, and it would be with reluctance that we would leave out alyssum, bachelor buttons, candytuft, calliopsis, and salpiglossis. With these we can make a garden brilliant and have quantities of flowers to cut for the house, as they will furnish a succession of bloom all the summer and fall.

The trials of the amateur gardener begin with the sowing of the seed. If absolutely inexperienced failure often results, for one is apt to cover the seed too deeply; to scatter it on stony ground and hard; or a rain may come and pack the earth so firmly as to form a crust on the surface and the tender little seedlings cannot force their way upward. In the latter case, one is quite inclined to blame the seedsman and claim that the seed never germinated. The varieties of annuals named above, however, nearly all germinate easily and with half a chance will succeed, so one should not blame the seedsman, but with all your care your annuals may be a failure, and, at best, they will not bloom until the middle of summer.

Having given some space to the indispensable annuals, the amateur gardener will experience much less vexation of spirit if she will place her main dependence on hardy perennials. By selecting plants which will come into bloom successively, and this can easily be done, at no time need there be lack of blossoms and the labor of taking care of the garden is reduced to a minimum; no sowing of seed, no transplanting, no weeding except with the hoe, and every year the clumps of plants will increase in size and beauty.

The perennials can be planted in a border, or as a screen along a wall or fence, and thus make unsightly places beautiful or hide them from view. A few annuals and some bulbs can be planted among the perennials, and your garden will lack nothing in the way of beauty.

There is such a wealth of hardy perennials from which to choose, that making a selection is somewhat perplexing. Two things should be borne in mind. First, it is better to begin with a small number and each year add some new plants to your collection, and, second, care should be taken to make such selections that there will be a constant succession of bloom from early spring to late fall. There should be a pleasant picture presented by the garden every day,



Spiraea Sorbifolia

the garden be surrounded by a stone wall. Unfortunately our severe winters are apt to brown Ivy, or even to kill it outright. But many varieties of Honeysuckle attain foliage in this month, and the Evergreen Honeysuckle is sure to brighten its dull winter garb in honor of the spring.

In the latter part of April, the strange and beautiful *Akebia quinata* blooms, and in mild winters this vine is evergreen, effectively clothing the naked stems of trees.

The ground of our shrubbery might be carpeted with Periwinkle which flowers at the same time as the first Daffodils, and groups of these sunny firstlings of the season are indispensable. Many other early blooming bulbs will suggest themselves to the minds of flower-lovers as appropriate to the sunniest nooks and corners. We may suggest besides Scillas, Chionodoxas, Crocuses and Snowdrops, such wildings as Hepaticas, Blood-root, Trilliums, and Dicentras. These native flowers will be particularly appropriate if there are rocks in or near the spot selected for the April display.

The background of Evergreens used for the sake of contrast should be selected with much judgment. *Arbor Vitae* will not do, from their tendency to brown in winter. Many Pines, Silver Firs, Retinesporas, and Hemlocks are beautiful at this season, and groups of these would form an effectual barrier to the rough equinoctial gales.

and in addition, the anticipation of glories to come. Often just a passing glance at a beautiful garden will cheer a busy worker more than anything else.

The old-fashioned polyanthus and the hardy primroses come with the early spring, vying with the tulips and hyacinths in making the garden attractive after the long dreary winter. *Primula veris* *superba* deserves to be in every garden. It has the pale yellow color and delightful fragrance of the old English primrose, but instead of bearing just one blossom on a stem it has trusses of bloom six inches in diameter with individual flowers more than an inch across.

If you want a bright yellow flower that will rival the dandelions in May, get *Alyssum saxatile*, *Arabis alba*, or rock cress, will cover the ground with a carpet of grayish foliage a few inches high, almost hidden by a profusion of snow-white flowers. It blooms early and makes a very pretty carpet for a bed of tulips.

The different species of Iris are exceedingly desirable for the garden. The German ones are my favorites, both on account of their beauty and from old associations but the varied and curious blendings of color in the Spanish species make them an interesting and delightful study, and the big, butterfly-like Japan ones are very attractive.

The blue, or Rocky Mountain columbine, and chrysanth, the yellow-flowered one will bloom from June to September, and both are very fine for cutting. The yellow day lily, often called the lemon lily, should not be left out of a collection. The blossoms are so fragrant and so graceful that a few of them in a vase make a very bright and effective decoration for the house, and a bed or border of them is beautiful in the garden.

The Delphiniums, or perennial larkspurs, will furnish the blue flowers. Their habit of growth is strong and good and the foliage clean. The flowers are of various shades, *Formosum* being the most brilliant dark blue, that rare color in hardy plants.

The gorgeous oriental poppies with their immense blossoms of brilliant scarlet intensified by the dark stamens and the blotches at the base of the petals, will glow like fire against a background of green and produce most striking garden effects. The Iceland poppies, whose blossoms range in color from white and yellow to deep orange scarlet are very graceful and pretty and are very desirable for cutting, as well as ornamental in the garden, as they last a long time.

The Gaillardias, or blanket flowers, are among the most showy and effective hardy plants. The large blossoms are of the most gorgeous coloring, blending dark reddish brown with scarlet, crimson and orange. The flowers are borne on long stems and are excellent for cutting.

The perennial coreopsis is one of the most desirable yellow flowers. The graceful golden-yellow blossoms have long stems and are especially valuable for cutting. The coreopsis begins to blossom in June and continues to bloom more or less all the summer and fall.

The hardy phloxes are absolutely indispensable in every garden. The range of color is so great and there is such a number of beautiful varieties from which to choose, that the greatest trouble is to make a selection. They will flourish in almost any soil and flower from early summer until late in the fall. The colors which the phloxes present include the most brilliant as well as the most delicate, and there is greater variety among them than in any other class of hardy plants.

The Japanese anemones, which begin to bloom in August and last until cut down by severe frosts, will afford flowers when nearly everything else is gone. The variety whirlwind, with pure white, semi-double blossoms, and Queen Charlotte, a pretty shade of pink, are among the best.

Last of all are the hardy chrysanthemums, and of these one should have a variety of colors. They round out the year in the garden, and if taken into the house will remain in bloom a long time.

These are but a few of the many desirable varieties of hardy perennials, but they will furnish more or less flowers all the season through and will do for the beginning of a choice collection.

As hardy plants are expected to be permanent occupants of the garden, care should be taken to plant them in suitable positions. It is almost impossible, at first, to avoid making some bad color effects, but these can be noted and the plants moved to locations where their hues will not conflict with others blooming at the same time.

Shrub Pruning and Planting

By L. Greenlee

The planting and pruning of shrubs is an important item of April work in the garden. Already there is a plentiful sprinkling of flowers in the shrubbery, the forsythias, Japan quinces and spireas having rallied quickly after a merciless winter and arrayed themselves in gold, scarlet and white.



Kalmia latifolia

The safest rule for pruning shrubs of any sort is immediately after their flowers have faded. Indiscriminate winter pruning frequently robs spring of half its glory, for the buds of the early-flowering shrubs are formed the season beforehand.

Nearly all our shrubs have some individuality of habit that it is well to preserve in pruning. This and symmetry are really what we prune for. Straggling shoots are cut back here and there; a too heavy growth of suckers about the roots is grubbed away; dead flowers and seed pods are removed and also all dead or diseased wood. It is better to prune regularly and lightly every year than heavily once in two or three years. Fanciful clipping back is permissible only in evergreens and formal gardens. The tastefulness of it

is always questionable. New uses for shrubs are discovered every season. We use them now for beauty in winter as well as in summer, choosing sorts that have bright bark and berries to plant plentifully against dark evergreens. For grading steep, rough and dangerous banks there is nothing finer. For a ground-cover, where grass burns out, they are invaluable. Dwarf sorts, with bright-colored leaves, like the Japanese maples, are bedded permanently for color effects. As screens for laundry and service courts many kinds of tall shrubs may be used. To carry the green of the lawn over a drive, a belt of low shrubs will preserve the unbroken sweep of green which is the keynote of the landscape. To connect the house with the grounds and round off its angular foundations is another important use of shrubs. A noted landscape gardener has said that shrubs may well replace grass on all surfaces too steep to walk upon with comfort.

April is one of the best months for planting shrubs. Let us hope that all who are making additions to their shrubbery, or planning for new lawns, have already ordered good shrubs in generous quantity and are preparing to plant them upon arrival. Some shrubs that the owners of even small lawns will wish to include in their orders are rhododendrons, kalmias and azaleas. These are especially choice and brilliant-flowering. The smaller a place the more carefully its shrubbery needs must be chosen.

If the lawn to be planted is large, shrubs are usually massed around the edges and as a brilliant undergrowth to trees, leaving the center for open, grassy sward. Similar kinds are grouped together, blending into the next. It is well to think of the lawn-mower when placing groups and lines. Long, graceful curves with detached groups, besides being fine and graceful in effect, permit economical mowing.

Landscape gardeners insist that their services are indispensable in the arrangement of even small places, but they have not a monopoly of either taste or original ideas. A little assistance or advice from them on practical subjects will, however, often prevent the making of costly mistakes that it takes long to correct. A good shrub is several years in reaching their prime. Some nursery firms have a consulting landscape department where amateur plans and maps may be submitted for corrections and suggestions. If stock is purchased of them such advice costs nothing, otherwise the fees are moderate, in the hope of ultimately thus securing customers.

A good selection of shrubs will include enough different sorts to give flowers all through the season, though the majority of them bloom in the spring. To give bloom through midsummer and fall there are clethrass, hydrangeas, weigelas, spireas, altheas, etc., so that shrubbery may be attractive at all seasons.

Where shrubs are to be planted in long lines or masses, the soil is most easily and thoroughly prepared with a plough. Make it fertile with well decomposed old manures, thoroughly incorporated, or with composted leaves, turf, etc. In city gardens commercial fertilizers must often take the place of those containing more humus. For specimen shrubs, planted singly, the spading should be deep and several feet wide. All shrubs are set about as deep as they stood in the nursery. This depth is usually indicated by a dark line near the root. The first year after planting, shrubs may need some care in watering, if the season be unpropitious. Keep the soil stirred about them and the grass from encroaching for at least this first season. Mulches may be used after they are once fairly established.

A Hedge of Dahlias

By M. A. Nichols

To have a long, handsome hedge, one needs to begin in the late fall to make preparations for the coming summer.

Those who cultivate dahlias, always have more than they want to save over winter and are glad to supply anyone who will take the trouble to carry away a whole stalk of tubers which may be secured early in November, or any time before the ground freezes hard. This is a much less expensive way than obtaining a supply from the florist in the spring and more satisfactory than getting now and then a tuber from a friend. A half dozen clusters will be ample for an ordinary length of hedge. These, labeled with a rag-string the color of the dahlia and piled up in a box or barrel, and set in a dark, cool corner of the cellar, well covered with several thicknesses of paper tucked around them, will keep very nicely and not shrink and dry up as they do when exposed,

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Pattern No. 4057

A Small Bishop Dress

Among the many designs for children's frocks, none is more comfortable and becoming than the bishop dress, and we may add, none is so easily made. There are only the seams at each side which join the front and back and those that join the sleeves to the body. These latter extend to the neck edge where the dress and sleeve are gathered to a narrow neckband or finished with a narrow frill of lace. Another suggestion is to hemstitch the lower edge and finish the sleeves and neck with tiny hemstitched frills. Nainsook, lawn, dimity or a flouncing would develop this little dress charmingly. The medium size demands 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch goods. No. 4057 is cut in sizes, 6 mos. to 6 years.



Pattern No. 4119

An Attractive Shirt Waist Frock for a Girl

For general wear there is nothing so satisfactory as the shirt waist frock, and the new tub fabrics are excellent for its development. The model sketched is one of rare good style though simple in construction. The panel effects in waist and skirt are created by one-inch tucks and the result is most becoming, lending height and slenderness to the wearer. The skirt is a new three-piece model fitting smoothly over the hips and flaring widely at the hem. For trimming, stitched folds of the material or narrow rows of embroidered insertion would prove smart. Madras, linen, silk or mohair might serve. 4 1/2 yards 44 inches wide being needed for the medium size. No. 4119 is cut in sizes, 13 to 17 years.

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Pattern No. 4049

A Small Empire Apron

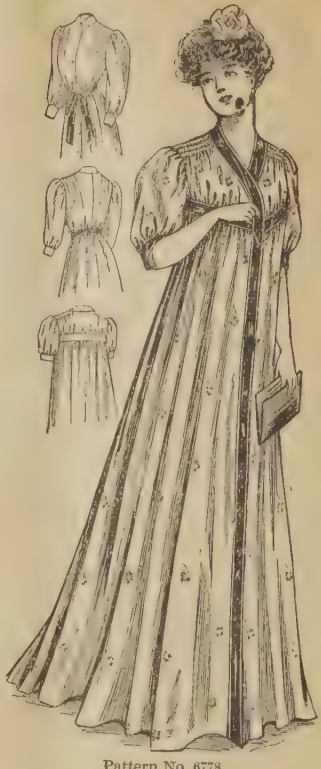
The small apron is becoming quite as much an article of adornment as of protection, so attractive are the styles in which it appears. Here is a quaint little garment such as might have appeared at the time of Empress Josephine. It consists of a full waist and skirt joined by a narrow band in short waisted effect. The sleeves are in short puff after the latest fashion. If made of a sheer lawn or nainsook, and edged with a narrow lace, it will be quite pretty enough to grace any gown. 1 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide are needed for the apron in the medium size. No. 4049 is cut in sizes, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years.



Pattern No. 4073

A Pretty Gown for Miss Baby

Every article of apparel which goes to make up Miss Baby's wardrobe should be quite as dainty as mother can fashion for surely no more exquisite bit of humanity exists to demand exquisite clothing. A little gown shown is made of fluted nainsook with a yoke of embroidered lawn, set on with veining. The tiny sleeve and neck edges are finished with a baby frill of embroidery while a deeper flounce to match completes the skirt. Gathers at the base of the yoke provide fullness for the front and back and insure plenty of room for becomingness and grace. 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch goods are needed for the medium size. No. 4073 is cut in one size.



Pattern No. 6778

A Pretty Morning Gown

Some of the least pretentious morning gowns are made chic and out of the ordinary by just a well-placed bow or trimming band. One of these which is most simple in design, yet very attractive and modish, is sketched here for the benefit of the woman who fashions her own clothes. It is made to appear like a real Empire. The fullness at the shoulder, back and front may be tucked to yoke depth and girdled at the waist by a ribbon or belt, or it may be shirred and held in place by an Empire waistband which makes quite a different garment of it and one of real style. The simplest of material may be used with no other trimming than the ribbon or waistband, yet the result will be altogether pleasing and graceful. Either style may be followed in the development according to the wearer and her tastes. In the medium size the pattern calls for 9 1/2 yards of 27-inch material. No. 6778 is cut in sizes, 32, 36-40 and 44 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6806

A Simple Tucked Blouse

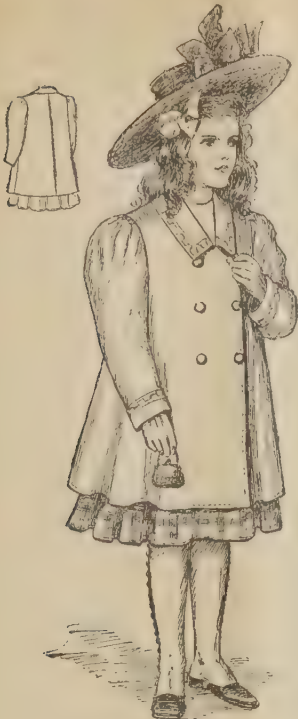
The popularity of the separate blouse necessitates that one possess several of more or less simplicity which may do service every day with the tailored suit. Here is sketched one which is closely tucked to deep yoke depth. The back is plain except for two narrow tucks at either side of the closing. The construction of such a blouse precludes all trimming which is often an item of importance when expense is considered, the only possible adornment being groups of buttons down the center of the front and on the sleeves. The pattern is perforated for round neck and shorter sleeves so that a dressy waist may be developed if desired. For soft silks, cloths or lingerie fabrics the model is excellent, the medium size requiring 3 yards of 27-inch goods. No. 6806 is cut in 6 sizes. 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

Stripes in Many Forms

For fashion tailored or semi-dressy waists in novel way there is nothing that may not be accomplished with striped materials. A very smart effect seen recently was achieved by trimming a white silk waist with tiny bias straps of black and white pique silk, the stripes being perpendicular, and, of course, narrow and close. The figure may be given a rounded appearance by having the stripes placed diagonally under the arms, while the apparent size of the waist is diminished by bringing them to meet in a point at the back to form a V. In fact, ingenious creators of fashion have been playing all sorts of variations on this theme.

Popular Spring Colors

Apricot is among the novel Spring Shades—a trying color—but introduced mostly as garniture or just a relieving note on a sombre colored or white gown. Shades of gray are much in evidence and tan combined with champagne is also a strong favorite for suits and dresses.



Pattern No. 4118

A Trim Coat for the Small Miss

Neat looking coats are a necessity of the whole year around and one which is full of style and well suited to the season is sketched. It frequently happens that a coat of father's or mother's which is out of style contains enough good material to fashion one for the small boy or girl. The pattern illustrated is one which would cut to advantage with such material as the back has a seam in the center and no section is so large but that it could be cut from a bigger garment without difficulty. The shield may be made separate so as to be used only when desired. The front closes in double breasted fashion—a very becoming style for small folks. The medium size calls for 1½ yards of 54-inch goods. No. 4118 is cut in sizes, 4 to 14 years.



Pattern No. 4126

A Sailor Blouse for the Young Girl

Sailor blouses are always in style and always in demand by mothers everywhere. Such is its good standing in the world of fashion that it is considered a staple and is good as long as it lasts. A pretty model for a dress of this kind which may be made at home without difficulty is shown. The blouse may be closed in front or made without an opening and slipped on over the head. The skirt is a straight gathered one attached to an underbody which is faced in front for the shield. The most popular materials for these suits are serge and linen, the collar, cuffs and shield often being trimmed with bands of contrasting color or made of this entirely. Either of these fabrics may be tubbed with success. The medium size calls for 3½ yards of 44-inch goods. No. 4126 is cut in 9 sizes, 6 to 14 years.

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Pattern No. 6826

A Combination Lingerie Garment

One-piece and combination garments are much sought by particular women because they reduce the number of garments and the consequent bulkiness to the lowest possible point. Very dainty effects are being realized in muslin underwear of this sort and the combination corset cover and drawers shown need no commendation. Swift effects are sought by all women of fashion and a great assistance toward the accomplishment of this is the wearing of these one-piece garments. The corset cover closes in front and is attached to the drawers portion by a ribbon-run heading. The drawers are open in style and increase in flare as they approach the knee. They may be in regulation or garter length and will be found very simple to make. Muslin, lawn or nainsook may serve as material of which 2½ yards 36 inches wide are needed for the medium size. No. 6826 is cut in sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.



Patterns No. 6817 and 6818

A Smart Costume

Some of the new imported models provide suggestions for the development of afternoon gowns and one which deserves mention is shown. The modish broad shoulder effect is gained by means of the stole yoke which continues to the waistline in front and back. The panel effect is becomingly carried out in the skirt and long graceful lines are everywhere evident. Narrow tucks finish the top of the skirt and a gathered flounce, the lower edge. The sleeves consist of three shaped ruffles which may be completed with a deep cuff if a full length sleeve is desired. For the medium size 7½ yards of material 44 inches wide are needed. No. 6817 is cut in 6 sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure; and No. 6818 in 7 sizes, 20 to 32 inches waist.



Pattern No. 6753

A Novel Work Apron

There is one thing the housewife cannot do without and that is a supply of aprons as insurance against dirt and hence labor. Whoever invented the apron conceived something entirely indispensable to women everywhere and Dame Fashion does not forget this garment in drawing up her new designs. The apron shown is unique in its fanciful pockets and bib portion, both being immensely attractive and practical. The ruffle at the edge of the skirt serves as well as adorns, catching in its folds anything which might otherwise fall upon the bottom of the dress or the floor. The bib and skirt portions are each complete in one piece and little labor is expended in making the apron. For the medium size 2½ yards of 36-inch material are needed. No. 6753 is cut in sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6777

A Very Pretty Nightdress

The new styles in lingerie seem to be more pleasing than ever and the fastidious woman may find all her hopes realized. A great many make their own underwear and for such the pattern shown will be excellent. The style is quite different from the shop-made gowns and very practical and becoming. The half yokes in front give opportunity for some dainty adornment, while the center front is left free to be gathered up on ribbons. This makes the neck wider and hence easier to be slipped on over the head. The sleeves may be either of elbow length and free or long and finished in bishop style. Any of the fine lingerie materials may be used for the gown. The medium size calls for 5½ yards of 36-inch material. No. 6777 is cut in sizes, 32, 36, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

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The town of Whittington was inhabited entirely by cats, the original settler being none other than the famous cat belonging to Whittington, Lord Mayor of London. As none of you, dear children, have probably seen a cat town,—for I assure you that there never was but this one,—I will try and describe it to you.

First and foremost, there were no streets, no churches, no shops, no theatres—the cats cared for none of these things; but the town was laid out in soft grass-plats, over which the inhabitants could scamper at will without hurting their tender paws.

Rats and mice were the articles of diet most esteemed; but these had become so scarce in all the country around, that the mass of the cats could only indulge on high days and holy days.

The old king, who had died many long years before, had had so many sons and daughters, that it had taken all the game to be caught in the royal grounds to feed all their hungry mouths, and to portion them off as they married. But now all were dead (from over-stuffing, many audacious kittens declared), except Madame Puss, the youngest of the family, who ruled over the land alone, without husband or kinsman.

Well, as I have said, there was great discontent in the town on account of the scarcity of food, for beetles, guats, and grasshoppers are all very well as side dishes, but when one has to eat them instead of beef and mutton, or, as in this instance, instead of rat and mouse, they are not very satisfying, especially, as the kittens, being very dutiful, always saw the old cats well supplied before they helped themselves, and then often dined meagrely on a grasshopper's leg, or a beetle's back.

The old cats, when their stomachs were well filled, were quite content to sit, purring together in the sunshine, lazily complaining that things were very different when they were young, and that what couldn't be cured must be endured, etc. But the young ones, the kittens, scampered here and everywhere, poked their intrusive whiskers into every discussion, and so fomented the growing dissatisfaction that at length it was determined, after due deliberation, to go in solemn form and lay their grievances before Madame Puss.

Madame Puss dwelt in solitary grandeur in the great ivory palace which stood in the midst of pleasant lawns and bubbling fountains in the center of the town. This palace which had accommodated the old King and his forty sons and forty daughters, was much too large for one lonely cat, but Madame Puss would not have one of the apartments closed.

On this very day that the deputation of cats and kittens was solemnly approaching the palace, Madame Puss, in blissful ignorance of the fermentation going on in her kingdom, was sitting on her throne surrounded by her court, for this was the day appointed for hearing all public and private grievances and giving redress. Hitherto, nothing of serious importance had been brought before Madame Puss, and she was lying indolently on her pile of soft cushions, trying hard to look majestic and keep her eyes open.

All at once a distant roar broke upon the drowsy stillness of the palace which grew louder and louder, until even Madame Puss pricked up her ears, and bade one of the ushers go to the outer court and inquire the reason of the unseemly disturbance. The usher, a black cat, with a breast-knot of rose-colored ribbon as his badge of office, marched leisurely forth, but in a second came scampering back with his eyes starting out of his head with terror, and cried that the whole town had risen in revolt and was marching upon the palace, armed with all manner of murderous weapons. Instantly a wonderful change came over the indolent courtiers. With tails erect, they scampered pell-mell hither and thither. Every closet was filled to bursting. They hid behind the window curtains, jumped into the great antique vases that ornamented the sides of the apartment, sought the refuge afforded by every friendly chair or sofa, and in a shorter time than it takes to tell it, a death-like stillness reigned, and nothing was to be seen of the crowd of fine courtiers but the tip of a stray ear or tail not entirely hidden.

Madame Puss, alone, mindful of her family and position, maintained an un-



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shaken front, though her heart, it must be confessed, was going pit-a-pat; but she seated herself very erect on the cushions of her throne, and awaited her fate bravely and like a cat of true royal blood. Presently a tap was heard at the door. All the ushers having hidden themselves, Madame Puss did say, "Enter!" but she spoke in such a faint voice that no one could, by any possibility, have heard it.

The tap was repeated, and this time not even Madame Puss spoke or moved; then the door swung open with a bang, and it marched a procession of a hundred cats, big and little, old and young, black, white, gray, and yellow, but with nothing more murderous about them than their claws.

When Madame Puss saw that she had nothing to fear from this peaceful assemblage, she instantly altered her whole tone and bearing, and lashing herself into a state of great anger at their presumption, she cried, in awful tones:

"How now, varlets? How dare you thrust yourselves unbidden, into the royal presence?"

"May it please your Majesty," answered the cat who seemed to be spokesman, "we knocked twice to crave an

audience, but none answering, ventured to intrude unannounced, for we have come to lay a weighty grievance before your Highness, and the matter brooks not delay."

As Madame Puss could say nothing in regard to the absence of her courtiers and retainers she bade the spokesman make known his errand.

"Your Highness," said he, respectfully, but firmly, "cannot know that there is great danger of a famine in the land; your faithful subjects even now suffer from hunger, while in the royal grounds enough food is to be found to feed twice our number."

"Caitiff!" cried Madame Puss, bristling with rage and horror, "do you dare think that royal game is to fill the skins of such as you?"

"Why not, Madam?" answered the spokesman. "Why should we, honest cats and true, starve that such as these may grow fat and shirk their duties?" And as he spoke, he seized by the tail, and dragged ignominiously forth from his hiding place, one of the court-ushers who cut but a sorry figure indeed, with his sleek coat rubbed all awry and covered with dust.

"Why?" screamed Madame Puss, almost beside herself with rage.

"Why? fellow, because that is the law of Whittington town, and none dare gainsay it!" "I dare, and so do we all," answered the spokesman firmly. "Royal Madam many things are altered since the days of the king, your father. We are asking no more than what has been already granted to the inhabitants of other towns. Whittington is behind the age, and we would respectfully suggest that you send an embassy to London to inquire into these matters and learn how affairs are managed there, then we feel confident you will no longer hesitate to grant our petition."

Madame Puss fairly clapped her paws upon her ears. Was the whole palace tumbling about her? Was she dreaming? For a few minutes everything swam before her eyes, but she was a wise cat; she saw that the subjects before her were determined and brave.

"Vassals!" she said, drawing herself up with dignity, "you may cease your insolence and withdraw, ere I order my ushers to chastise you, for I know that the queen of London has sent, beseeching me to honor her with a visit, and I intend to depart next week. When I return, I will make known my will in regard to the royal preserves; until then let your empty stomachs chasten your rebellious hearts."

With this scornful reply, she waved them a dismissal. So, with low reverences they departed, and the courtiers, as soon as they found the coast clear, came tumbling forth, heels over head, all talking at once, every one blaming his neighbor and trying to defend himself.

All that week the whole town was astir with preparations for Madame Puss' journey to London. There was less to eat than usual for the poor inhabitants, for she was to travel with a royal retinue, and as the journey would occupy three days, it was necessary to lay in a most bountiful store of provisions. Two hundred baggage-wagons were to accompany the train, laden not only with food, but with sumptuous court dresses, ruffs, bag-wigs, jewels, furs, laces, and velvets; in short, all that was needful to insure a proper appearance in London. Madame Puss herself traveled in a white ermine mantle; around her neck a huge ruff embroidered with seed pearls; on her head a diamond crown, the heirloom of the royal family, and in her paws a heavy jeweled fan, lest she should faint under all this magnificence.

At length the day appointed for start-

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Cattle Ranch to College

A Serial Story for Our Boys

Patience, Perseverance and Pluck Always Win

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CHAPTER V.

IN A MINING CAMP.

More like a tunnel with a porch to it, I should say," said John, as they approached the "dugout."

Indeed, the Worths' new home was an unprepossessing abode even after the familiar furniture was in position, the bunks made ready for use, and a fire built in the fire-place. As its name showed, it was merely a hole or tunnel in the slope of the hill, with a small log house built out from it. But though it was not luxurious, it was warm in winter and cool in summer, the earth protecting it from extremes of both heat and cold. The bare ground packed hard served for a floor, and the fire-place was set far back in the underground portion of the room, its smoke outlet being a chimney of sod projecting through the roof.

Into this new and strange dwelling the household goods were carried, a fire was built, and in a short while the place began to assume the appearance of a home. While this was being done, the men looked up their own habitations, and found that other dug-outs, not so large or well finished, but fairly comfortable, were all ready for occupancy. The mine had been opened already, and the workmen had previously constructed these huts, half caves, half houses, for themselves and for the "boss's" family.

It was all a new experience for the boys, and they investigated everything with great interest. The idea of living in a hole in the ground struck them for quite awhile as very funny and they made jokes without end about it to each other.

The wagons had been placed in the wide creek "bottom"—the space cut out of the bank by the current, which had since retreated to its present narrower channel. This "bottom," for years and years the stream's bed, was well supplied with rich alluvial soil, and was in consequence luxuriantly covered with fresh grass and vegetation of all kinds.

"I tell you, Jack," called Ben, when the boys scrambled down the steep path to the creek, "this is something like. Why, I can see the bottom—and I declare, if I didn't see a fish sneak out of that rooty place there."

He hopped on one foot and then on the other in his excitement, and then, somehow—neither he nor John could ever explain it—he suddenly found himself splashing in the clear stream. John caught hold of his heels and dragged him out face down. His head had scraped the soft bottom and his nose had made a beautiful furrow in the mud.

"What were you trying to do?" inquired John, as soon as he could get his breath. "Catch the fish in your mouth?"

When Ben turned, spitting mud and digging it out of his nostrils, John almost exploded with laughter. "Maybe you think it's funny," spouted the younger boy, "but wait till you come to make a mud scow of yourself; then you won't laugh quite so much."

John struggled to suppress his mirth, and after awhile succeeded—as long as his brother's mud-be-plastered visage was not in sight.

Face washed and good humor restored, the boys wandered further down the stream on a trip of discovery. New delights opened at every turn. A mile or so below the camp a beaver dam was found, and as they drew near, one of those clever, industrious little beasts shot down the slide they had constructed, with a *kerflop* into the pool. Here was sport indeed. The boys wondered how many of the curious animals the brown, mud-plastered, dome-shaped houses contained. The doors to these houses were

under water, and only the second story was above its level.

"I tell you what," said John, "we'll have to catch some of those beggars. Their skins are worth money." And so they vowed to remember the spot and capture some of the inhabitants of this semi-submarine village.

A little further along they came to a clearly marked path, the edge of which (the centre was beaten hard) was indented with small hoof prints of deer and antelope. They saw, too, the cushioned print of the great prairie wolf. Evidently this was the haunt of game of all kinds.

On the way back the boys had little leisure to examine the paradise they had discovered, for the sun was sinking fast and they had wandered further than they realized. An inviting pool was noted, however, that would serve for a swimming hole, and Ben unhesitatingly dubbed this "plumb bully." John prevented him from plunging into it right away only by main force and the reference to his ducking, but he could not keep him from taking off his moccasins and wading in whenever an opportunity occurred.

As they neared the camp the last rays of the sun glinted down on them. The preparations for the evening meal were in full swing; the clatter of tin dishes mingled with the clatter of tongues, and the smoke pouring from the sod chimneys bore a most savory odor that made the boys realize they were hungry.

"I wish we had a rifle," John was saying. "We could have got one of those ducks we saw down the creek for supper."

"Well, I'm going to have one and a repeater, too, returned Ben. "I'll have one if I—"

"Look out!" yelled his brother, interrupting him. At the same moment he jumped to his side and pulled him violently back. Ben almost fell, but his brother held him up and dragged him still further.

"Look!" he said, breathless with excitement.

Ben's eyes followed the direction of his pointing finger. There in the trail on which they had been walking, on the exact spot where he had been about to plant his bare foot, lay a big diamond-backed rattler, asleep in the last rays of the setting sun.

"Phew! that was a close call," exclaimed John. "You want to keep a sharp lookout when you go barefoot. I can't watch out for you all the time."

The younger boy, pretty badly scared, put on his moccasins without delay and kept his eyes on the trail after that. The rest of the way was covered in almost absolute silence, for the escape had been a narrow one, and both were sobered by it.

The plain, wholesome supper over, the boys were glad enough to turn in, and though the bunks were anything but soft and the surroundings unfamiliar, the exertions of the day before and the hardships of the night preceding it put them to sleep in short order.

It was not long before the whole camp was wrapped in slumber. The stock had been allowed to run free, it being well known that they would not stray far from the good feed that the creek bottom afforded. All was silent without and only the heavy breathing of the sleepers disturbed the quiet within. "Spuds," the dog, from time to time growled and barked inwardly as he dreamed of a fierce chase after a gopher or jack rabbit. At last even he subsided.

This absolute quiet was presently disturbed by a howl,—long, wailing, and dreadful,—that sounded through the low roof as if the thing that caused it must be in the room itself. Ben jumped up so suddenly that he struck his head on his brother's bunk above him.

"What's that?" he cried, shaking with fear at a sound he could not explain. John, his head stuck out of the berth above, was frightened himself, and could not explain the noise.

Again the fearful wail came, this time not so distinct, but quite as awe-inspiring. The boys drew a long breath of relief when their father got up, took the rifle from the two pegs that supported it, and went to the door. His evident calmness reassured them. As he reached the door and fumbled with the latch, John and Ben heard a soft but rapid patter of feet and then his muttered exclamation: "Plague take those pesky wolves, howling at a man's door in the dead of night."

So the boys made acquaintance with the great, gray prairie wolf at close quarters the first night of their stay afar from civilization.

In a few days the men were in full swing at the work for which they had come to this point. The boys were too young to take part in the mining operations, but even they had their chores to perform at certain times of the day, after which they were at liberty to do much as they pleased, within certain well-known limits. Their first duty on being awakened between four and five was to round up the stock and drive it in. This was not such easy work as it sounds. The journey in search of the animals was long, and was made on an empty stomach in the cold, raw morning air. Even when they were found, it was difficult to get them moving towards the camp. The animals seemed at times to be endowed with diabolical perversity, and would resist all efforts to start them running in the right direction. The mules and horses once corralled, the boys had an appetite for breakfast that a dyspeptic would give a fortune to acquire. After that hearty meal the brothers supplied the camp with wood and water and did what odd jobs were required about the home. This completed their work for the time.

After these duties were performed one morning, John and Ben bethought them of the beaver village, and their spirits rose in anticipation of the sport. A full trappers' outfit had been brought to the camp. They got this out and made up a pack containing several steel traps (having strong jaws armed with sharp teeth and set off by pressure of the animal's foot on the trigger plate), an axe, some fishing line and tackle in case a good pool were encountered, the always present revolvers and ammunition, and a small store of food.

Though it was their first experience in trapping beaver, the boys were well versed in the theory of the business; they had never let an opportunity go by to learn all they could about such sport. So they started with a fair knowledge at least of the habits and ways of the beaver whom they were to outwit. Their journey down to the dam led them along the creek, and they noted several inviting pools where bullheads and trout were likely to lurk, planning to come back and try to catch a string after they had set their traps.

Reaching the dam, they set to work. John being the elder, at once took command of the expedition. "You chop down some brush," he ordered, "while I go over and punch a few holes in the dam. These little beggars know a thing or two and won't run into an uncovered trap."

"What do you want to cut down brush for?" questioned Ben, as he shouldered the axe and prepared to obey.

"Why, you see, when I break the dam the water will rush out and show up the entrance to the houses; then after we go away the beaver will get to work to build it up again, and will go for the brush you have chopped down and get caught in the traps we will set in it. See?"

Ben's eyes danced at the prospect, and he raced off to do his part.

The boys were soon out of sight of each other, and John busied himself on the top of the dam with a strong pick, poking holes ruthlessly through it. He found it firmer than he had expected, and it took all his strength and skill to tear it open. He pushed his stick in vertically, in order to get a good purchase, and, encountering an unexpected

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The Gin Branch Road

BY GEORGIA DOTY

THE ROBE of bonny spring-time is made of a mist of tender, green leaves, soft clouds of snowy dogwood blossoms, with here and yonder a design etched in sober brown; all so soft, so elusive, that it is difficult to distinguish the lines of division. For the whole is one soft blur dotted over with the cherry points of the red-bud trees. Spring is noted for the dainty way in which she handles the colors on her palette.

The Gin branch road is full of beauty and wonders take it any time you may, but never so crowded with loveliness as in "the sweet o' the year" when the woods "grow misty green with leafy buds," when the earth is newly awakened from the long sleep and is just slipping over her shoulders the first new spring dress of filmy wraiths and foams of color. The road begins almost in the water, it runs so close beside the edge of the branch, which is not a branch at this point, it is so shallow being no more than a little thin wave crested with tiny ripples through which we can see and touch the clean, pebbly bottom, with an occasional larger rock coated over with a mat of dull green.

and dissolves in one vast white cloud.

The woods are filled with numbers of these trees, one does not realize how many except in the time of blossoms, almost their only time of triumphant living.

All about and along the road we see the trees that are late in putting on the new clothes they have packed away out of sight, and are still clinging to their old dress of brown and withered leaves. The air is charged with over-powering perfume from crab-apple, wild plum, honeysuckle and locust which vie with each other in wafting sweet incense over the land.

On the other side of the branch the old rail fence weaves in and out while the long furrows of fresh, upturned earth make deep, dark lines across the field. A big black-bird sits high on a limb sunning himself as he lazily flaps his wings and watches for a feast in the shape of some unwary insect or a round, fat worm in the furrows beneath. In the next field dead, yellow stalks of last year's corn crop are still standing, while in their midst rise the charred skeletons of burned forest trees adding their sober notes to the color scheme. Columns of blue smoke rise in the

it has made for itself from the land by its unwearied drippings and splashing.

This road is a much traveled highway by the people who have four feet. In this bit of swamp, where the branch almost disappears when the hot days of August come, the water is dotted with great clumps of wiry, stiff grass. It is here that the cows love to gather. Old Mooley steps leisurely along, cropping the yet scanty herbage by the road-side, down to her own particular spot where she loves to wade and drink deep draughts of the sweet water. A flock of white sheep rush in a series of skips, jumps and wild dashes from the opposite fence first to one side of the field and then to the other. From a too intimate acquaintance with the soil and briars of Mother Earth the fleece of Mary's little lamb is anything but white as snow. Away over at one side of the road, where the falling waters have left a stagnant pool, the plebeian pig is enjoying a generous mud bath, where he roots vigorously and expresses his evident enjoyment by lazy grunts.

The branch is privileged to choose its route; and it now makes an abrupt parting with the dirt road it has accompanied within sight for so long a time. We peacefully go our road knowing that before many yards have been passed the two—the branch and the road, will have a reconciliation and journey onward good friends once more. By the side of our path stands old Aunt Betsy's log cabin, and we catch sight of its owner standing with paddle in hand, out in the backyard where she is watching the boiling of a wash pot of soap. The wistful expression of years shines on her dark face making her like unto some enchantress of old, concocting a famous brew.

Away at the branch is the spot of treacherous quicksand whose exact location cannot be determined as it seems to change from day to day. The branch is so lifeless, so sluggish, and so shallow here that we wonder where it gains the life with which it dashes along just beyond the turn of the road. Down here when the spring twilight falls, the air thrills with the melancholy chant of the frogs as their chorus rises and falls with its piercing echo of mystery, while in between comes the plaintive call of the whip-poor-will, suggestive of heart-ache and pain as the stars come out and shine softly in their far distant land.

Off in the south rise the hills "wrapped in golden dreams" ever rising higher and higher until they are lost in the blue distance with which they are covered and over-shadowed. Off in these hills is the spring, the source of the Gin branch in all its wanderings. The store-house of energy, the never failing supply from which the little stream takes toll. For several yards the branch and the road have been gradually growing wider apart, until at the big oak tree there is a last separation. The branch bends and bows in coquettish courtesies until the tree is reached, when it bends a last farewell bow to the road and goes its own way. We have enjoyed following it through all its wide domain, in all its turning and twisting course, yet our path still lies along the dirt road which takes us back to the peaceful haven of home.

The Gin branch road is to be found in many places, masquerading under many names, but in the heart of all nature lovers it is always the same



The Gin Branch Road

The water slips silently along with never the whisper of a song. But it gains courage as it travels onward and soon we find that our branch has grown wider and deeper, and still deeper until the bottom cannot be seen. It is no longer silent as it flows, but sings and gurgles with delight as it splashes over miniature falls and hidden obstructions. It does not keep a straight course, but makes sudden curves and turns, leaving pools of deep, still water where the fish love to congregate. As we wander slowly along the road past one of these still pools we find the first life in the picture. For a lone, though happy, little fisher is angling for for one with a green twig for a rod.

The branch winds on to the open space where the sunshine kisses the water, and the road still travels close beside. Our path is edged with young maples whose baby leaves are just trying their wings. These trees have donned their attire of soft, pale green, not yet thick enough to obscure the gray blackness of parent branch and limb, but making a veil of tremulous green mist, dotted with twig points of red velvet. The ground beneath is sheltered by the green umbrellas of the May-apples that April showers have caused to be unfurled in protection of the white blossoms nestling near the stem.

The brown, leafless limbs of the dogwood trees uphold chalice of snow to the sky, making a white glory of the whole tree, that, at a distance, melts

fresh air scenting it with that acrid odor of burnt leaves, sign that tillers of the soil are preparing the ground and making ready for another crop.

A large tree having too scanty a hold in the soil has blown down, in some recent storm, across the branch. The banks are not deep enough to hold the trunk out of the water, so there it lies, a half submerged rustic bridge, leading to that fairyland spot where the wild honeysuckle waves scented wings to the tiny, gay humming birds, just a "thumb's bigness of burnished plumage." The fresh green fronds of the fern are just uncurling their baby leaves by the edge of the bank, while overhead the white plumes of the locust, heavy with perfume and honey, hang motionless in the warm air, scenting all the road with sweet odors. The rover bees are intoxicated with the gifts of fortune and drone lazily in the heat, having already a surfeit of sweets.

In the fence corners grow clumps of the sheep sorrel whose leaves of dull green tissue lined with red, have a pleasant acid taste as every country child can tell you. Its blossoms, of pale lavender, are lifted on upright stems of the thickness of slender wire. Here the branch slips in a silvery streak by a bed of wild blue violets which lift their timid eyes "to the youngest sky of the self same hue" that smiles above them. Farther on it leaps and splashes over a little fall to be caught in the deep basin

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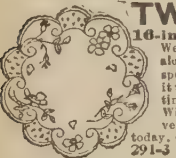
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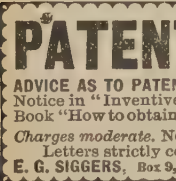


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For Kitchen Towels

To equalize wear on kitchen hand towels, sew a loop onto each end, thus making them reversible.—R. A.

Use Ammonia in Blacking

Stove blacking mixed with a little ammonia will not burn off.—B.

For a Rusty Stove

If your stove has been neglected till burnt red or rusty, while warm rub it over with vinegar first; the blacking will stick and polish fine.—F. T.

In Dampening Clothes

Hot or warm water is much better than cold for dampening clothes. They will be ready to iron much sooner.—M. E. K.

To Polish Glass

For glass-ware, mirrors, etc., mix calcine magnesite with enough gasoline to make a liquid the consistency of cream. This will polish glass to perfection.—S.

For Washing Windows

After the window panes have been washed, rub them over lightly with alcohol. This will prevent them from frosting during the cold weather.—M. G. C.

How to Clean Pens

If you have writing to do and are miles from town and have forgotten to buy new pens hold the old one in the blaze of a lamp for a minute or two or until hot; it will do awhile longer.—B.

Try This Sometime

When heating irons on a gas or gasoline stove, place a bread pan over your irons, they retain heat longer and you can cook any article by placing your cooking utensil on pan.—E. M. D.

Soft Soap

Save the small pieces of laundry, toilet and bath soap until you have a tea cup full; then put them in a quart of hot water and let simmer until dissolved, and lo, you have a jelly mass to wash or clean floor with.—J. L. W.

The Cover for Ironing Board

Good covers for an ironing-board can be made of unbleached muslin. Cut two inches larger than board, hem all round and sew on tapes about eight inches apart to tie it on the board. If two covers are made, a fresh one can always be kept ready for use.—M. E. K.

To Save the Hands

I have found it a very good thing to have a mitten made of good stout ticking (with a loop to hang it up by) to slip on the hand when putting wood in the stove or handling hot dishes; they are easily made and are inexpensive; one lasting a long time, as they are easily laundered.—L. F. B.

How to Treat Wet Shoes

Wet shoes can be dried without the stiffness and discomfort which usually follow, by tightly filling with pieces of newspaper and letting them remain until dry. Before removing the paper rub the shoes thoroughly with kerosene, and they will become soft and pliable.—E. M. R.

To Stop Leaks in an Emergency

Boilers in mills, fire backs in ranges, teakettles, and other vessels containing water, frequently start to leaking in the midst of the boiling and cause great inconvenience. A handful of meal thrown into the water will almost immediately stop the leak until after emergency when the hole can be mended.—E. R.

How to Preserve Linoleum

Linoleum will wear much better if washed off with skim milk. Use a soft flannel cloth, and do not walk on the linoleum until it is dry.—I. B. D.

Here is Another Way

To keep the ironing-board in good condition, cover the board, before putting it away, with a gingham bag, drawn up and tied with tapes. There will be no trouble in keeping a clean board ready for ironing day.—J. L. W.

To Stiffen Window Shades

Stretch them tightly on the floor and sponge with bran water, two quarts of bran to six quarts of water boiled and strained through cheese cloth. When cool apply to shade on both sides with clean sponge, and iron while damp.—L. K.

To Wash Feather Pillows

Choose a bright windy day; fill the wash tub with hot suds and plunge the pillows (with feathers) into them. Put them through several waters, shaking about briskly, then hang on the line in the open air. When perfectly dry shake well.

They will be light, fresh and sweet. After they have been washed in this way, they ought to be hung out in the warm, fresh air every day for a week, but they must never be put directly in the hot sun, as the heat draws the oil out of the feathers and gives them an unpleasant odor.

How to Make Rag Carpet Wear Like Linoleum

Stretch rag carpet tightly over the floor to be covered. Then take flour starch, cooked free from lumps, next a large paint brush and paint over evenly with the starch, let dry thoroughly. Then apply a coat or two of good paint any color desired. This is fine for kitchen or bath room as it can be mopped up and the cost is small compared with the cost of linoleum.—G.

Matting Rugs

Pieces of straw matting make pretty and useful bedroom rugs if a border is painted across each end. A very simple angular design like those on Indian baskets, for instance, can be done by anyone with the help of a ruler, a pencil to block it in and two colors of paints used with plenty of turpentine. Just wash the colors on with a broad brush as simply as possible.

A curtain for a closet door made of common burlap looks very well painted at the lower end in the same way or with border of fleur-de-lis.—L. F.

To Renovate a Brussels Carpet

If you have a Brussels carpet which has become soiled, sweep it thoroughly, then take a basin of well dampened sawdust to which two tablespoonfuls of ammonia have been added. Remove all, or most of the furniture, and with a clean scrub brush, scrub your carpet. Begin as you would a floor, taking a generous quantity of the sawdust, sprinkling on the carpet, and scrubbing till clean. Leave on the carpet until the whole is finished, then sweep up, and you will be surprised at the result. If you reside in a suburb and carpets are cleaned at home, this work is better done outside on the lawn after the carpet has been cleaned. After the scrubbing process, turn the carpet over, face down, and go over with a light rattan beater which will readily shake out the sawdust. This process is also excellent for cleaning rugs, or plush covered furniture. Care should be taken not to leave any of the sawdust, and not to use the articles cleaned until thoroughly dried in the sun.—M. J. W.

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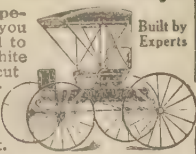
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Floral Question Box

In this department questions on topics of general interest will be answered. Those requesting an answer in any particular number of the magazine should be sent in two months before its date. Correspondents will please observe these general rules: Write queries on a separate sheet from any other matter that your letter may contain. Write your name, town and state plainly on the same sheet; they will not be published. If you wish an immediate personal answer enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply. In reporting a failure with any plant, detail the treatment given it.

Dahlias Not Blooming

The number of letters received in reference to the cultivation of dahlias, show that many are interested in this beautiful flower. The following letter from Mr. Beaulieu, a specialist who has grown them for many years, will be of interest to our readers.

EDITOR OF VICK'S MAGAZINE:

In one of your magazines I saw a complaint about dahlias not blooming. That is nothing new in this vicinity. I took fifteen prizes in New York alone for dahlias, last year, but with the exception of those grown by me they were almost a total failure in greater New York. I mean among those who grew them in the old way.

Many people plant whole clumps of from six to twenty roots. That is too much. Dahlias should be raised by a single stem and from cuttings from healthy plants only. A divided dahlia is apt to degenerate. I import some every year. The first few years they do well; after five years they are no longer good. Instead of growing three or four feet, they grow from six to ten feet high, there are few blossoms on a plant, and some that were very double turn out single.

In Europe, where dahlias are grown to perfection, the plants are raised from cuttings and grown in small pots all summer. When the flowers are done blooming and the plants killed by frost in the fall, they are taken out of the pots and shipped. This is the best and only way to keep them from running out or degenerating. You never saw a good practical farmer plant his own potatoes year after year in the same soil. He knows they will not produce good crops under such conditions.

Dahlias should also be grown from seed. Sow them like tomatoes any time from March to May. They grow very easily and look fine in the fall. Good seed is dear; the specialist charges \$2.50 per 100 seeds. That seems a high price but good goods are not given away.

Dahlias are apt to get sick; they are subject to some kinds of fungous diseases; they also have enemies like borers and a species of lady bug that eats the petals. The roots will sometimes rot, too.

My advice is to grow only the best kinds; throw the old ones away; they are not worth the storage.—Beaulieu, New York.

Aphis—Chrysanthemums, etc.

1. Last fall we added a greenhouse to our business of truck and fruit-growing and raising plants for the public. We have already found that all is not smooth sailing in greenhouse work. The aphis, or green fly, is giving us some trouble. We have been smoking with tobacco, and have rubbed some fine and sprinkled among lettuce and radish, the first new sowing. We seem to be reducing them, but is this the best remedy? Someone told us that probably sulphur smoke would do the work, but we had quite enough experience with that when we fumigated the house after the children had the scarlet fever, and killed all our vegetables and house plants. We made a warm sud of toilet soap with a few drops of carbolic acid and drenched tops of carnations and roses which were troubled with the red spider.

2. How are chrysanthemums propagated; from seed, or root, or slip?

3. Is there a book on greenhouse culture?

4. At what time should pansy, cosmos and carnation seed be sown in the greenhouse for summer blooming in the garden?—Mrs. M. S., Ohio.

1. It is difficult to get rid of the Aphis, or green fly after it gets full size and is very plentiful. The best remedy is tobacco smoke; fumigate with it once or twice a week if the insects are very troublesome. Tobacco extract or tea is also effective and kerosene emulsion is also a good remedy. A strong sud of Ivory soap is highly recommended by some for both the aphis and the red spider. Whale oil soap is also a good insecticide.

2. Chrysanthemums are propagated from cuttings, or slips. Old plants usually begin to send up shoots from the root in March. These should be taken off and rooted in sand.

3. "Greenhouse Management," by L. R. Taft, is an excellent manual for florists and flower lovers on the forcing of flowers, vegetables and fruits in greenhouses and the propagation and care of house plants. We think you will find it admirably adapted to your wants.

4. Pansy, carnation and cosmos seed should be sown by the middle of March for summer blooming.

Roses—Christmas Rose

1. I have tried several times to grow Roses in the house, but without success. I bought a Baby Rambler last spring and planted it in a bed, but it did not grow very thrifty. In the fall I potted it according to directions, kept it out in a shed for awhile, brought it in when cold weather began and kept it in a plant room where other plants do very well, giving it plenty of air every day. The leaves fell off; new ones started several

times but finally it died entirely. All the roses I have tried do the same. Some of my neighbors have Rose bushes that bloom in the house. Can you give me some light on the subject?

2. Where can the Christmas Rose described in the December number of Vick's be obtained?—Mrs. F. T. S., Penn.

1. It would have been better to have left your Baby Rambler in the bed where it was planted, as it is properly a hardy, out-door Rose. A slight protection of manure should have been given it, and this could have been dug in around the roots in the spring. As you probably know, Roses require a rich soil. It is the exception for Roses to do well in ordinary house cultivation. The atmosphere is usually too dry, especially when there is furnace heat. Polyantha Roses do the best, but amateur growers are so likely to meet with disappointment that, honestly, we think it better for them to devote their care and attention to other plants more apt to succeed in the house. If your neighbors succeed, why not study their methods and follow them? In the June number of Vick's we purpose to give the experience of some of our contributors in growing Roses in the house as well as out of doors.

2. Most seedsmen and florists can supply the Christmas Rose, even though they may not list it in their catalogues. It can be obtained of James Vick's Sons, and of J. B. Keller Sons, both of Rochester, New York.

White Fly—Paper White Narcissus

1. There is a fly about certain of my plants, for which I should like a remedy. It is seemingly like the black fly often seen about plants, except that it is white. It seems to like Oxalis better than anything else. I have tried tobacco tea, smoke, soap suds and clear water both hot and cold, but the flies don't seem to care for any of them. I tried a mixture of soap and kerosene in water, but I made it so strong that it killed the leaves of the Oxalis as well as the flies.

2. Are the bulbs of the Paper White Narcissus of any use after blooming in the house? I thought of setting them back and letting them gradually die down. Will this be right? (No name or address was given with these inquiries, though we specially ask that this be done.)

1. Kerosene emulsion, properly made, is the best remedy for the white flies, but it should be so diluted that it will not hurt the plants. After leaving the application on awhile rinse the plants with clear water. Directions for making kerosene emulsion have frequently been given in the magazine and it can be procured all ready prepared of seedsmen and florists. An easy way of preparing it when only a small quantity is required is as follows: Take two parts of kerosene oil and one part of slightly sour milk. Put in a pail and churn together by inserting the nozzle of a syringe in the liquid and working the plunger rapidly. In a short time the milk and oil will unite and form a white, shining kind of "butter." This can be mixed with water, using fifteen parts of water to one of the mixture.

2. If the Paper White Narcissus bulbs were grown in soil, they might possibly bloom a second season if dried off, as you propose, and started again in the fall, but they would not be as satisfactory as new bulbs which had not been forced.

If bulbs have been grown in water it is useless to keep them for forcing a second time.

Insects on Plants

I enclose leaves of a plant I have. The under side of the leaf is covered with a white insect. I have been bothered with them several years and cannot get rid of them. I have lost a number of plants. They hatch out into little white flies. They first appeared on my Fuchsias. Can you tell me what they are and what to do to get rid of them?—A. R. S., Iowa.

The leaves sent were covered with Aleurodes or eggs of the white fly. At one stage of their growth they resemble a scale insect. The best remedy for these white flies is kerosene emulsion, as given above. It may take more than one application to entirely get rid of them.

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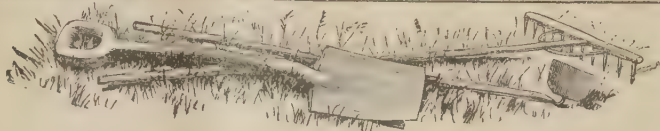
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By Emma Clearwaters

It is worse than useless to plant many seeds until the soil is warm, and soils where clay predominates will not become warm until there have been many sunny days and warm nights.

Onions, radishes, lettuce and the hardier peas may be planted in the very early garden, but beans corn and melons are much better left in the packets until spring comes for sure.

Plant tomato seed in the house, or else learn where good plants may be purchased when wanted; then when the time comes the plants will be large, thrifty and ready to grow.

Plants that grow right along without a stop are thriftier, less liable to be damaged by insects, and are altogether more satisfactory than cold storage plants.

Onion sets are used largely, but many yet plant seeds directly where the onions are to grow. In the latter case the soil should be fined as much as possible, and a liberal quantity of good woodashes mixed with it. Mark off an inch-deep furrow in a straight line and carefully drop the onion seed into it. I like to mix early radish seed, long scarlet or the little turnip radish, in with the onion seed. This helps to keep from getting the onions too thick, and also breaks the crust of the soil, so that the onions come up more readily. The radishes will be ready to pull out of the way before the onions require the space, and thus again they loosen the soil. The soil needs to be rich to grow both radishes and onions at the same time, but the gain thus made will surely recompense for adding the extra fertility.

Don't plant Lima beans until very warm weather is here. We planted last year by placing each bean separately, eye down. The beans came through the soil stronger and with less broken "bends" than ever before, so we shall continue the practice. The beans are so large and the yield per vine so enormous, it is not a task to so plant enough for a large family.

Use seed enough, then the weaker plants can be discarded. Should a hard rain come soon after planting them, the thick seeding enables the plants to break the crust, besides it is always more satisfactory to thin out garden plants, than it is to replant seeds.

If the soil is rather moist when planting is done, cover the seed less deeply and firm the soil but little. If the soil is dry at planting time cover deeper, and be sure to firm the soil well, with the hoe, foot, or by pressing a board over the surface.

Cultivate between the rows as soon as soil will permit after every rain, and of course, cultivate the plants as soon as they are large enough. Let cultivation be shallow; this will keep the weeds down and will not prune the roots.

In transplanting, furrow out a straight row, then with the trowel excavate in this furrow a place for each cabbage and tomato plant, take up plant with as little root disturbance as possible, place carefully in the place made, sift some dirt over the roots, water, push in more dirt, press firmly, then fill in around the plant till the surface about it is level.

Care in fining the seed beds and rows before planting, will make after cultivation very much easier.—E. C.

Leaf Blight of Tomatoes

"I have great trouble with my tomato plants. For more than a year I have planted them continuously and failed. They come up nicely, but after the plants are a foot high the leaves commence to curl and shrivel up, and white spots appear. The soil is good, as all kinds of

vegetables grow very well, and irrigation also cultivation, are well attended to.

"I have taken up many plants to see if the roots were infested with worms, but have never found any. I enclose sample of the leaves—will you kindly tell me what is the matter?"—Frederico Erbe Alamos, Sonora, Mexico.

The trouble with your tomatoes is no doubt the disease known as leaf blight which is quite prevalent and also very disastrous in many parts of the South. It is a fungous disease; and the treatment is preventive rather than curative; and so must be begun before the appearance of the disease.

If possible procure plants from some northern locality where the disease is not prevalent. Should this be impractical, select ground where they have not previously been grown and sprinkle it liberally with flour of sulphur before sowing the seed. Use the sulphur also on the ground where the plants are to be grown. As soon as the plants are well up, spray with Bordeaux mixture every ten or twelve days if necessary until fruits are nearly grown, as it will not injure them.

If unacquainted with the above mixture or the formula for making, it will be better to buy it ready mixed as it can be had of dealers throughout the United States, or almost anywhere, for that matter. I would suggest the free use of the sulphur during the season of growth both upon and around the plants.

Another formula equally as good and perhaps preferable for this disease is ammoniacal copper carbonate made as follows: add five ounces carbonate of copper to three pints of ammonia. This may be kept for any length of time in bottles with glass stoppers. For use, dilute with forty-five gallons of water and spray the plants every seven to ten days. The use of the sulphur is also suggested with this latter formula. We believe there is no better treatment known than the above.—John Elliott Morse.

Protection from Cut-Worms

By W. M. Knower

As the season of the year is approaching when the "pesky cut-worm" begins to show signs of taking up its old trade again, it behooves the gardener to try and take up his cudgels of defence for his garden truck.

Here in the South they are very numerous, and the damage done to early vegetables, such as cabbages, tomatoes, melons, etc., is very great, and you all know the saying, "the early bird gets the worm," is equally true with gardeners, for it is the early truck that brings top-notch prices, but if the cut-worms go along and cut off everything in sight, the profit is all gone perhaps in a single night.

Now the writer plants for sale, and has most of her cabbage in the ground in March; as the cut-worms do their most destructive work during cool weather, what to do to save the young plants from the "pesky pest" has been a serious problem to myself and many others.

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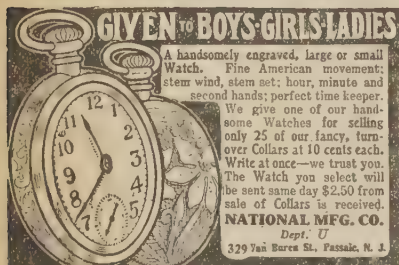


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To Open Oysters

Cover oysters with cold water in which you have put a few pinches of salt, and if allowed to stand a few moments, they can be as easily opened as if scalding water were used.

Broiled Oysters

Drain the desired number of large oysters, season with salt and pepper, dip in melted butter or olive oil and place in a broiler. Broil until thoroughly heated but not colored. Serve on brown toast and pour over them maitre d' hotel butter.

A Substitute for Fried Oysters

Take nice tender crooked-necked squash and slice about one-half inch thick. Dip these slices in beaten egg, then in flour, salt, and fry as you would oysters, for which they are a fine substitute.—J. P. C.

Oysters with Celery

A gill of oyster liquor, half cupful of minced celery, pinch of cayenne, and simmer for three minutes after it reaches the boiling point.

Add two tablespoonfuls of butter and a gill of cream, bring to a boil and add a solid pint of oysters. Cook four minutes, stir in a gill of sherry, add a saltspoonful of salt. Serve hot, with beaten biscuits and olives.—R. M. C.

Baltimore Clam Chowder

One dozen clams, chopped, one cup chopped potatoes, one cup chopped onions, one-half pound bacon, chopped fine, one cup rolled crackers, one cup milk, about one tablespoonful butter, a little pepper. Put bacon in kettle with one quart water, cook one-half hour then add onions and potatoes with clams. Cook until done. Just before taking up add juice of clams, cracker, milk and water to make two quarts. This recipe came from a Baltimore hotel chef and is fine.

Mock Oyster Soup

A very good substitute for oyster soup is made by using the water in which potatoes have been boiled. Let the potato water come to a boil, season with salt and pepper and a cup of cream—or milk will do—and serve with crackers. This is a very palatable and economical soup.—L. E. L.

For Salt Fish

In cooking salt fish, after they have soaked until fresh, take out of the water and lay them over a clean block of wood until they are drained thoroughly, then roll them in flour and fry in hot lard, and they will brown quickly and not be grease-soaked.—E. G.

Cabbage in Cream

Chop finely one head of cabbage. Boil until tender, then drain. Cook together one and one-half cupfuls of rich milk, two tablespoons butter, three tablespoonfuls of flour, pepper and salt. Pour over the hot cabbage and serve.—S.

Hashed Brown Potatoes

Chop cold boiled potatoes quite fine and mix in a high seasoning of salt and pepper. To each pint add three tablespoons rich cream (sweet) and mix well. Melt a tablespoon of butter in the frying pan and turn in the potatoes, pressing down slightly. Brown evenly, and when nicely colored, turn out on a hot dish and garnish with parsley.

Saratoga Chips

With a slaw-cutter, cut the potatoes in thin, paper-like slices, soak them for at least one hour in cold salt water (this is essential to success), and crisp, but not burn, in hot oil. Before frying, each piece should be thoroughly dried on a towel. When fried, drain on a sieve a moment in a very hot oven or over the stove, then cool quickly in a draft.

Potatoes a la Creme

Heat one cup of milk, add one tablespoon (heaping) of butter, cut up in as much flour: when smooth and thick, add pepper and salt to taste and two cups of cold boiled potatoes sliced, and a little chopped parsley; heat through and serve hot.

Potato Cakes

Take cold mashed potatoes and form into little cakes, flouring the hands well, and rolling the cakes in flour, putting on as much as will stick to them; then fry them till brown, in butter.

Baked New Potatoes

Rub the skins from small new potatoes and cook in salted boiling water till tender. Make a white sauce, using a rounding tablespoon each of flour and butter, and one cup of milk, season with salt and pepper. Put the potatoes in a baking dish, pour the sauce over them and pour on a well beaten egg. Set in the oven long enough to "set" the egg. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Princess Potatoes

Slice cold mashed potatoes into strips two inches long, one inch wide, and one-half inch thick, dip in melted butter, then in beaten egg, lay on buttered tin and bake in a hot oven for twelve minutes; serve at once.

Potatoes Souffle

Wash and bake large, smooth potatoes. Cut in halves lengthwise, and without breaking the skins, scoop out the potato into a hot bowl. Mash, and add a tablespoon of butter, a little hot milk, and salt and pepper to taste. Beat the whites of two eggs stiff, and mix with the potato; fill the skins with the mixture, heaping it lightly on the top, and brown slightly.

Potato Omelet

To a large cup of mashed potato add three eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, an even teaspoon of salt, one-half cup of milk, and a heaping teaspoon of flour. Add a little chopped parsley if liked. Heat and butter a large frying pan, pour the mixture into it; when done, serve hot.—E. I. L.

Smothered Potatoes

Pare the potatoes and cut into small cubes. Put them in cold water for a few minutes, then into boiling water and let them boil about ten minutes. Then drain off all the water and put the potatoes into a double boiler, dredge them with a tablespoon of flour and about the same amount of butter and two cupfuls milk. Cover them, and cook gently for twenty minutes. Season with salt, pepper and celery salt.—A. J. C.

Hot Cheese Flake

A palatable and attractive dish may be made thus: Cut about half a pound of good cream cheese into small bits in a granite pan, add a small pinch of soda, one of salt and enough fresh milk or water to cover bottom of pan, put in oven to melt then stir in well two or three eggs, set; back in oven for a few moments till a nice golden brown, then serve hot.—C. H. H.

Dumplings

Drop dumplings with chicken, beef or any meat stew, with gravy are often very tasty. One egg, one pint flour, one level teaspoon salt, one level teaspoonful soda, two teaspoonfuls cream tarter (or two teaspoonfuls of good baking powder), enough sweet milk to make a very stiff batter or a very soft dough. Drop the dough from the spoon into the gravy, first dipping the spoon each time into the gravy so the dough will not stick to the spoon. Cover and boil ten minutes. Always light if made with care.—R. M. C.

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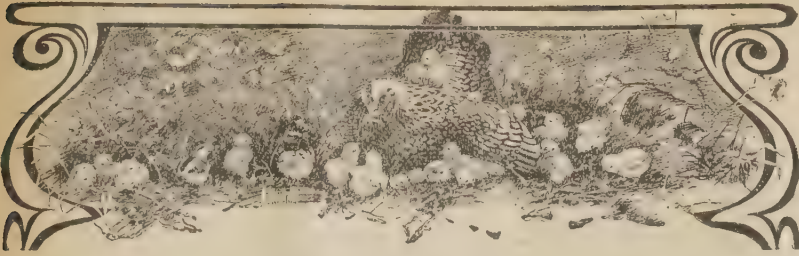
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By Vincent M. Couch

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In getting a good hatch from eggs shipped from a distance much depends on how the eggs are handled. Eggs that have been shipped should be unpacked at once and laid on their sides for twenty-four hours before setting them, thereby allowing the contents of the egg to settle. Then give them to a hen that is thoroughly broody, one that will be likely to stick to her nest. It must not be forgotten that early in the season the fertility is not so strong as later on and buyers of early eggs should be satisfied if they get only five to seven chicks out of thirteen eggs, but even at this rate if they are good strong birds it will be a good investment.

If everyone who buys eggs for hatching from a distance would make up their minds to pay the price the stock merits, and expect more or less eggs not to hatch, much better satisfaction would result! A large per cent of those who make complaints about the hatches are people who seldom read a poultry paper and know little about what to expect. Again, if the purchaser in buying eggs from a good strain of fowls would stop and consider the fact that probably one bird in the lot would be worth from three dollars to ten dollars, the complaints of poor hatches would not be so numerous, nor so annoying to the breeder.

Looking Out for the Little Chicks

In raising chickens it is not so much the number hatched as it is the number brought to maturity at the end of the season that counts. A good many times a large part of a brood is lost by placing too many together. It is the poorest kind of economy to crowd too many chicks into one brooder, or too many in one pen after they leave the brooder. A newly hatched chick is a tender thing; a little rough handling or trampling and it begins to lose its appetite, peeps and dumps around for a few days and its end has come.

Keep the little fellows dry and warm for the first few days. Don't forget the grit for them from the start, and pure drinking water is another important thing, and it should be so provided that the chicks can not get into it and become wet. If you have no fountains made on purpose for chicks, take a basin holding about two quarts of water and fill it nearly full of round stones, those a little smaller than hens eggs will answer, then pour in the water filling the dish. If the chicks are running out, sink the basin into the ground until the rim is an inch above the surface. With an open dish and no protection more or less of the little chicks are apt to get wet, and even in quite warm weather it is bad for them.

Telling Which Hens Lay Best

Selecting the best egg producers by their form and shape or actions has never been a very satisfactory way of getting at this question with me. I know there is now and then a person who has succeeded fairly well in selecting in this way, but it's my opinion that if the great mass of farmers and others who keep poultry should depend on this plan entirely to get a laying strain together, they would have fewer persistent layers than they have today. These people who make this claim of being able to pick out the best layers at sight, differ quite materially as to the different types believed to be possessed by good layers.

It is generally allowed that the best

layer is the keen, active hen, but since that description applies to almost all when they are laying and to comparatively few when they are not laying, or are moulting, it is apparently not a very reliable guide to go by.

It has been my experience that only by careful selection of the best, year after year and by breeding them, can we improve and build up a good laying strain, and that the quickest and surest way to get at this is by the use of the trap-nest.

Foods and Succeeding with Poultry

The high prices and value of feed make it all the more necessary for the poultry keeper to go careful and use good judgment in making selections of food for his flocks. That there are many good ready prepared foods on the market I have no doubt, but the farmer has the best of them all, for he can produce nearly all the foods that hens need and therefore be comparatively independent.

Take wheat for instance, most every farmer, large and small, raises at least a little wheat, and this is one of the best all round grains in use for poultry, and then from it we get bran and middlings. Buckwheat is also a valuable winter grain, and bran from this has good feeding value. Corn is probably more generally used than any other product on the farm. One reason is because it is handier and every farmer has corn. Barley is not so easily obtained here as it was a few years ago, but it is nevertheless an excellent poultry food and has great nourishing qualities, and when ground is fine to mix with other food for a mash. Oats is another desirable grain food and especially in winter when the fowls are confined to the house, to make the ration bulky. Hens that are very hungry should not be given dry oats in any great quantity. A good way is to soak them over night or boil them up. A good many oats on the market are light weight and almost worthless as a poultry food. In the line of green food the farmer should have everything, and this food offers great opportunities for varying the diet, and a greatly varied diet for poultry is a health promoter.

Success in keeping poultry comes only to those who labor along the line that leads to success, and those who do not succeed simply because they will not try have only themselves to blame. And at the same time it is unfortunate that throughout this great country there is a large per cent of the people who lack the ability to become profitable workers in the poultry yard, but it is this class that makes it possible for us to get forty cents a dozen for eggs, for it's this class that keeps the three or four dozen-a-year-layers.

These conditions are being improved, however, in most all sections of the country, and there are so many natural adjuncts to the successful keeping of poultry, that as the people become better acquainted with the gains possible from good care, conditions improve and more and better poultry is kept where these matters become known and understood.

In reaching a certain class of poultry keepers is where the agricultural papers, having a good poultry department, have the advantage, for it is surprising when one goes through the country to find what a small per cent of the farmers take a poultry paper.



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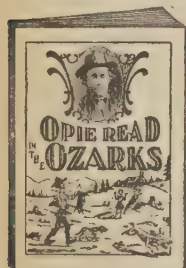
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A Pretty Suburban Home

No one who has not had the experience can realize what a large amount of work is necessary in the preliminaries of the erection of a good house, and what a large amount of hard thinking must be done before the subject takes the actual position of bricks and mortar. Every

which is but poorly portrayed by the small drawings here given.

The front porch is commodious and the circular corner of it makes an attractive feature. Comfort, convenience and cost have all been considered in its construction. The interior is conveniently arranged and nicely finished, and all go together to make it a most attractive and

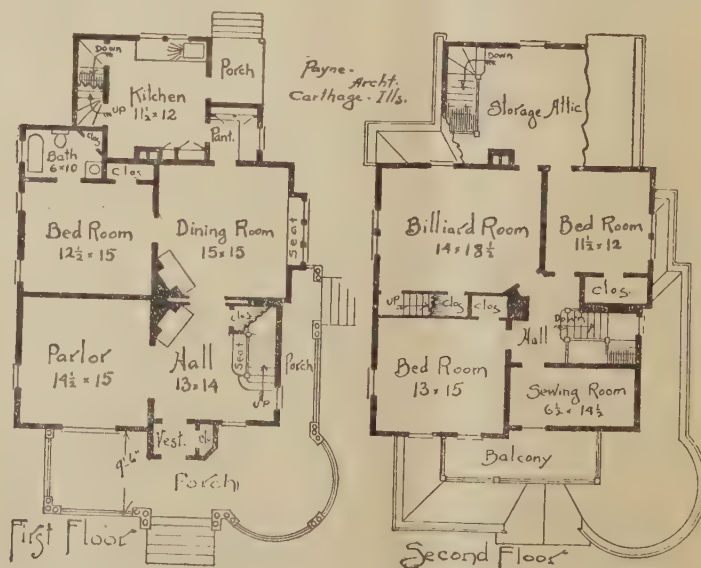


man about to build should have a year's good solid thinking on the subject. He must first get settled down to the matter of site. The subject of a site is the first importance, and too much caution can not be exercised in the selection.

One can, by the exercise of appropriate taste, produce the right kind of an impression in a house well planned. It should be an indispensable accessory to the place itself, and the grounds should be laid out and embellished in such a manner that the whole combination impresses one with harmonious beauty and not, as is often the case, seek to make up for the deficiencies in the grounds by

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elaborate expenditure and display on the house. A true appreciation of a country or suburban home will not tolerate slovenly, ill-kept grounds, and no house exhibits its true value unless there is harmony in its surroundings. If this is considered, a high degree of effect can be produced in houses of moderate cost—houses that shall be roomy, warm, substantial, and in every way agreeable to their occupants.

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Buell Hampton

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man's parlor, so to speak, like this, where you can have anything you call for, from a plain seltzer to a Manhattan cocktail, and I might add they're all doin' a devilish brisk business."

"Hey, there!" cried the judge, knocking on the table with his cane, "fill 'em up again. You see, Mr. Stanton, I was the first representative in the legislature from this county, and, as a true Kansan, am proud of the reputation the State enjoys. We legislate for the people and drink for ourselves, askin' no questions. Why, there's Ike Palmer and Bill Young, the editors of the roarin'est temperance organ you ever saw. They are great patrons of these restin'-places on life's highway. We all meet here on an equal footin', and no serious jar threatens to interrupt our customs. We all take pride, as a matter of course, in sendin' these papers to our Eastern friends."

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The judge, shutting one eye, looked benignly at Hugh and said, "Your conclusions are prematur, howsoever, I expect, Mr. Stanton, I'm the gol darndest 'cyclopeda of knowledge that you ever run ag'inst. Say, hold on a minute; my nacheral impulse is to drink, so I guess I'll have another beer."

"Beg pardon," said Hugh, "please drink with me," and he motioned to the attendant.

"Oh, all right," acquiesced the judge, "just as you say. I promised to give you some p'inters. This 'ere expose, as it were, of practical temperance in the Sunflower State is p'inter number one. Now, there's the professional claim-prover—know anythin' about him?"

"Nothing whatever," replied Hugh, as he sipped his seltzer.

"Well, you see I allows it's my dooty to tell you," said the judge. "The professional claim-prover started in the eastern part of the State, proved up a quarter-section, sold it out to a mortgage loan company, moved on west to the next county, changed his name, proved up another quarter-section and sold it out to a mortgage company, and so on. These professional provers-up of land are a distinct class. They emigrate from the older counties to the newer ones in swarms, like grasshoppers. Didn't know about 'em, did you?"

"I did not," replied Hugh, "I am very much interested. How do they sell out to the mortgage companies?"

By this time the judge was beginning to feel the influence of drink, and gradually grew more bold and more talkative than ever.

"Well, gee whillikens, Stanton, I must say you're tender. Don't know much, do you?"

Hugh admitted that he did not, while secretly finding much amusement at the odd character he had discovered.

"Well, I do; bet yer life I do. 'Bout these 'ere claim-provers is p'inter number two, and sellin' out to the mortgage companies is p'inter number three.

Here, waiter, by the great horn spoon, I've got to have another drink!" said the loquacious judge rapping on the table. "Wonder if they expect a man's goin' to sit 'round here all night and drink nothin'? I'm hot; hotter'n a burnt boot. Got to have somethin' cool an' refreshin' or I'll be locoed."

"What will it be, gentlemen?" asked the attendant.

"Seltzer for me," said Hugh.

"Seltzer be hanged!" cried the judge, and then recollecting himself, he said, "Beg pardon, Mr. Stanton, what time is it? I left my watch on the piano this mornin'."

"Just nine o'clock," replied Hugh, looking at his timepiece.

"Bring me a straight," said the judge, and then, turning to Hugh, he observed, "I have an idee I can tell the time within ten seconds when nine o'clock comes 'round. Habit, you know; habit is everythin' to a sensitive man. Bet yer life it is. You wanted to know somethin' about sellin' out land to mortgage companies. Well, this is the way it's done: all the big farm mortgage companies in the United States are represented by local agents throughout these new counties in southwestern

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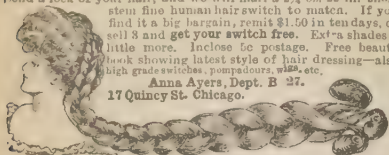
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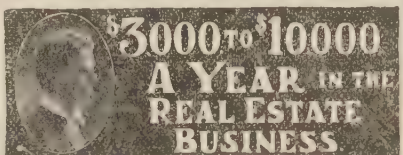
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 sand dollars is loaned daily on land in
 this 'ere county alone. It's a mighty
 big county, but they'll have the last
 quarter-section mortgaged, by and by;
 the last link in the elephant's chain'll
 be broken sooner or later, and then look
 out for squalls. The mortgage business
 is what makes money so plenty on the
 range now, but mark the words of Judge
 Lynn and profit by 'em—the time to
 make hay is when the sun's a-shinin'.
 One of these fine days the bottom'll jest
 nacherally drop out, and there'll be a
 wallin' and gnashin' of teeth. Do I
 know anythin' more worth tellin'?
 Well, I should say I did. Haven't
 begun to uncork yet. Mighty lucky
 you met me. Bet yer life."

"You amaze me," said Hugh, "I
 don't understand why so much con-
 fidence is manifested on every hand if
 your pessimistic views are correct."

"Mighty easy to explain that," said
 the judge, as he ordered another cock-
 tail, "jest as easy as fallin' off a log.
 You see, ninety per cent of the people
 in Meade have come here durin' the last
 three years. They're all tenderfeet and
 never have experienced a hot wind.
 Well, for a wonder, this is the third year
 of roarin' good crops, but the buffalo-
 grass is here yet, and as long as it's in
 the country these dangnation hot winds
 are liable to blow. When these hot
 winds do come, they'll sizzle things up
 'round here into a burnt crisp, like a
 hot skillet does thin slices of bacon.
 Bet yer life. Yes, sir! you'll think it's
 a breath from the lower regions for sure,
 and the hull kit and bilin' of 'em will
 be dumped into a seethin' sea of bank-
 ruptcy, and don't yer forget it."

Hugh was greatly interested in the
 judge's prophecies. He determined to
 speak to Captain Osborn the next day in
 regard to the matter.

"No one 'round here believes me,"
 said the judge. "You may speak to
 Captain Osborn if you like; it won't do
 no harm—won't do no good, nuther. Of
 course you'll believe him and go right
 on as if you'd never heard me talk."

Hugh arose. "Hold on, Stanton,"
 said the judge, "not yet; not until I've
 treated the noomerous departed to a
 whiskey straight. Here, fill 'em up
 again," he called to the attendant.
 Hugh sat down, and Judge Lynn began
 again: "Say, have you ever met my old
 friend, Major Buell Hampton?" Hugh
 replied that he had. "Well, he's
 brainy," said the judge, "he's way up
 —a nacheral born leader. You bet.
 Ever since he was nominated for the
 legislature, and refused to run, he's
 been regarded by his political associates
 as the Bismarck of southwestern Kansas.
 Fact is, he won't take no office. His
 editorials are hummers; they keeps
 a-breedin' trouble a heap for the Repub-
 licans. They're what converted me to
 the faith."

"Oh, your'e a Populist, too, are
 you?" inquired Hugh.

"Bet yer life I am," replied the judge
 enthusiastically, "although I'm not a
 Barley Huller. Fact is, the Barley
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"That being the case I should suppose

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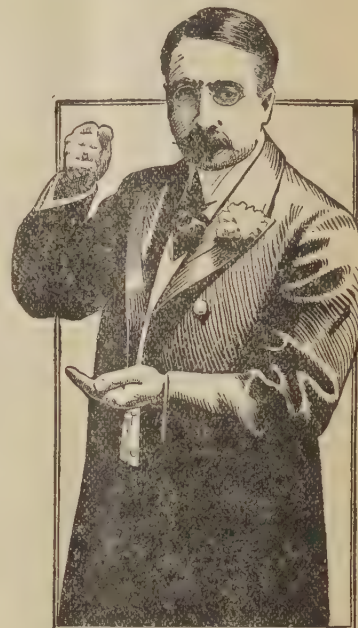
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you would join them," said Hugh, with a tinge of irony in his words.

"No, sir!" said the judge, emphatically. "I've political aspirations, and if I joined, it might be said by designin', malicious, an' malignant political enemies that I'd done it to further my political ambitions; you look sorter supercilious and disbelievin', Stanton, but I'm statin' solid facts; yes, sirree."

The judge went on, in a low confidential tone: "Between us, Stanton, I once put in my application for membership with the Barley Hullers. Never been able to learn definitely what the investigatin' committee reported, but I do know they were short of oil that night at their lodge-room, and those condemnedly awkward farmers ballotted on my application in a practically dark room. Well, would you believe it, every cussed ball was as black as Egyptian night; yes, sir."

"Well, that was strange," replied Hugh, laughing. The judge did not even smile, but said, "Strange! Why, it was devilish strange, and I felt really crushed all one evenin', but I was too keen a politician to let 'em see it."

They arose from the table, and the judge asked the white-aproned druggist for the bill.

"Remember, a part of it is mine," said Hugh.

"Not if the court knows herself," said the judge, while he plowed deep into his trouser pockets.

"But I insist," said Hugh.

A look of dismay and astonishment came over the judge's face, as he dived first into one pocket, and then into the other. Presently he said, "Stanton, loan me ten dollars. Thanks. Will hand it to you in the mornin'." Here," said he, turning to the druggist, "take it all out of this. No, Stanton, no, sir! you sh'n't pay a cent—not a copper. I invited you to take a social glass, and unless you wish to offend me, you'll say nothin' more 'bout payin'."

The druggist handed the judge the change, which he put into his pocket, as they went out along the alleyway into the street.

"Well, Judge," said Hugh, "I am delighted to have met you."

"Well, sir," replied the judge, "them's my sentiments to a dot. Bet yer life. I can give you lots of good p'inters 'bout this 'ere country, and don't you forget it. By the way, Stanton, do you ever finger the pasteboards—play a social game, you know, once in awhile?"

"No, thank you, I never play any game of chance," replied Hugh.

"Well, I do," replied the judge; "fact is, I'm a sort of sociable animal, any way you take me. Buck Truax runs a little game over in the back end of his furniture store. I promised to drop in durin' the evenin'." Politics, Stanton," said the judge, nudging him with his elbow, "politics, you know. Well, good night, will see you in the mornin'."

"Good night, Judge," said Hugh, accepting his outstretched hand.

When Hugh reached his rooms, he sat by the window which commanded a view of Crooked Creek valley. Presently he saw a red and green light, and wondered if the Barley Hullers were holding a meeting.

CHAPTER XIII
MAJOR HAMPTON'S LIBRARY

When Hugh told Captain Osborn of his conversation with Judge Lynn, the captain laughed.

"And so he told you the country was going to the dogs, did he? Well, my boy, when Judge Lynn, as he is called, imbibes a few drinks of whiskey, he is fond of uttering prophecies of the nature you describe. He owes everybody in town. I would not be surprised if he would ask you for a loan of five or ten dollars before a week."

"Well, if he should," asked Hugh, looking up, "would I be safe in letting him have it?"

"He was never known to pay even the

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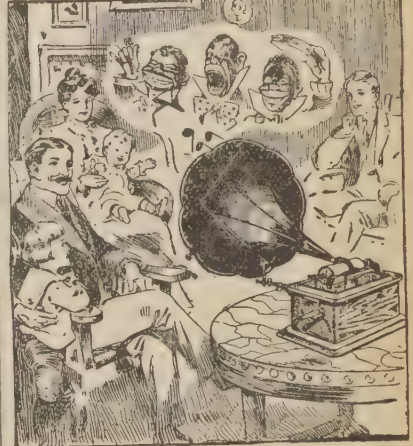
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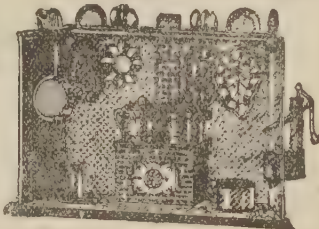
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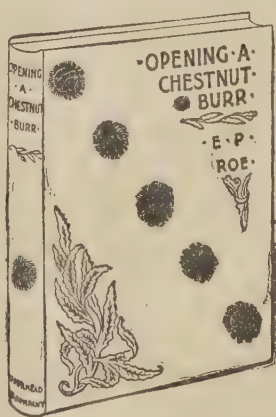
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"Thank you," said Hugh, as he seated himself in a chair pushed toward him by the major.

"Well, I am glad to see you again, Stanton," said the major. "I have been looking forward to a visit from you with the keenest pleasure."

"It is very good of you to say so," answered Hugh, "but I am quite sure that I have reason to be congratulated more than yourself!"

"As to that—ah!" exclaimed the major, hastily arising, "Mr. Stanton, permit me." Some one had entered the room through a side door directly back of Hugh's chair. He arose and turned as the major spoke.

"My daughter, Miss Marie, Mr. Stanton." The girl appeared to be about eighteen years of age. She bowed rather coldly, and turned toward her father, asking, "How soon will you want me to sing, papa?"

"Oh, ho!" laughed the major, "that was a little surprise I had in store for Mr. Stanton. You have robbed my program of part of its interest."

"I beg your pardon, papa," said the girl, her lips parting in a sweet smile, "now that Mr. Stanton is advised of it, he will have ample time to prepare his nerves for the ordeal. You see, papa," she went on, "Ethel Horton has invited me to go driving with her. We will not be gone long—perhaps an hour."

"All right, daughter, that will be soon enough," replied the major.

As the girl turned to go, Hugh noticed her wealth of bronzed hair. His glance was half critical, although not the glance of personal interest.

There was a time to come, however, when he would wonder how it had been possible for him to look upon this girl with other than feelings of personal interest. Little did he dream, on that first evening at Major Hampton's, of the great sorrow that was to come—a sorrow in which this light-hearted, innocent girl would awaken to a grief that could not be comforted—a grief that he, himself, was destined to share with her.

"She is a wonderful girl," said the major, after Marie had gone. "I doubt if her equal can be found in the Sunflower State."

"Very prepossessing," replied Hugh. "Her face is a most intellectual one."

The major opened a fresh box of cigars. "Have a cigar, Stanton," said he. "I feel in a humor to talk, and nothing aids more in conversation than smoking a good cigar."

After the cigars were lighted, the major returned to his former reclining position on the lounge.

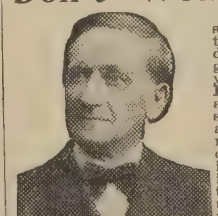
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The property of the Company is located in Bridal Veil Basin, near the city of Telluride, and right in the very heart of the rich gold and silver bearing district of San Miguel County, Col.

It consists of twelve very rich claims and three mill-sites, and comprises about 130 acres. The Company owns this property in fee simple, and there is no incumbrance or indebtedness on same.

Immediately surrounding this Company's property are the famous Smuggler Union, Liberty Bell, Tomboy, Nellie and Camp Bird mines.

These companies earned upwards of \$4,500,000 last year. The Double Eagle property is more advantageously situated, and its ore assays far greater values than any of the foregoing companies.

PRESENT EQUIPMENT

The company has erected on its property one fully equipped mill with a capacity of ten tons daily, a blacksmith shop, a machine shop, power house and dynamo room, a bunk house, assay office and laboratory and other minor buildings, all fully equipped. The machinery and buildings are all in splendid condition, and as good as when installed.

WATER POWER

Within 150 feet of the mill runs Bridal Veil Creek, and this stream has been utilized by this Company to provide about 80 horse power. A turbine has been installed which gives us sufficient power for all present needs. One hundred horse power more can be generated on our water rights. We have no expensive fuel costs.

DEVELOPMENT

The various claims of the Double Eagle Group have been opened up in eight different locations, and to date work has been done, as a result of which there is now upward of 3,000 feet of tunneling, drifts, cross-cuts, winzes and upraises. These cuttings, crosscuts and drift upon eight true fissure veins from four and a half to twelve feet wide.

VALUE OF ORE DEPOSITS

Assays and smelter tests show that the average value of the Double Eagle ores are upwards of \$60.00 per ton. Assays show from \$44.00 to \$8,261.00 gold and silver values per ton. The Company has now over 150,000 tons of this high grade ore blocked out, and also about 140,000 tons of low grade ore, averaging about \$10.00 per ton, lying on the dumps, only awaiting increased facilities to be turned into cash.

Over \$200,000 Already Expended in Equipment, Development and Purchase of this Property.



This Company owns its property outright. Not a prospect, but a thoroughly developed and equipped mine.

This Developed Mining Property is Located in the Heart of Colorado's Richest District

THE COMPANY'S OFFER

This Company now offers to the public its treasury stock at fifteen cents (15) per share. This is an unparalleled offer. Seldom, if ever, is the opportunity presented of purchasing stocks in a property of this character at this low price. The price of this stock will advance to twenty-five cents in a very short time.

THE COMPANY'S PURPOSE

Is to increase the mill capacity to 200 tons per day; to install a 200 ton cyanide plant, to install aerial tramways; to equip the shafts with electric hoists; to increase the water power; to continue underground development, and to purchase other very rich claims on which the company now has option. It is to accomplish the foregoing that the Company is placing on the market 1,000,000 shares of its treasury stock.

ESTIMATED EARNINGS

This company confidently expects to pay dividends of at least 30 per cent. annually. This means that at fifteen cents per share your investment will earn you 200 per cent, and each share you now pay fifteen cents for will then be worth \$2.00, i. e., \$37.50 will buy 250 shares. Thirty per cent. dividends on 250 shares will net you \$75.00 per year; in addition your stock will probably be worth \$500 on the market. Just think what \$1,000 will do, if invested in this stock.

THE COMPANY'S OFFICERS

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Vice Pres., WM. PEET, President of Peet Bros. Soap Co., Kansas City, Mo.
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DIRECTORS

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THIS STOCK WILL ADVANCE TO 25 CENTS PER SHARE SHORTLY

The Double Eagle Co. has already spent over \$200,000 in Development and Equipment of its 12 rich Claims.

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Our Guarantee

This Is Important

This Company will repurchase from any stockholder any stock purchased by him (from the Fiscal Agent of this company) in the Double Eagle Gold Mining Co. after one year from date of purchase of said stock, and will pay said purchaser 10 per cent over and above the price paid by said purchaser for said stock.

This protects your investment. This guarantee is backed by over \$200,000 assets.

IMPORTANT!

The Famous Camp Bird, Liberty Bell, Tom Boy and Smuggler Union Mines are in the same district as The Double Eagle Mines. All have paid millions of dollars per year to their stockholders and none have stock for sale. The Double Eagle is as good, if not better, than any of the aforementioned properties.

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Name.....
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NOTE: Be sure to state how many shares you wish reserved in your letter.

WRITE TODAY

Buell Hampton

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"My dear Stanton," said he, "are you at all interested in politics?"

"I can't say that I am," replied Hugh. "I usually vote, and that's about all."

"I, perhaps, am not claiming too much when I say that in politics I am a philosopher. If I had the power, I would try the experiment of a little common sense in conducting the affairs of state. In a great country like ours we should be able to furnish employment to a million men, in building better roads, in constructing dikes, in making canals for waterway transportation, and in reclaiming arid lands. Instead, our present limited population is congested into inactivity; our highways are lined with the unemployed, and, while surrounded by plenty, our people are actually dying of starvation."

"I am aware," replied Hugh, "that there are many unemployed, especially in large cities like Chicago and New York. The poor people are usually provided with free soup-houses, however, and need not starve."

"My dear Stanton," said the major, with great earnestness, "patriotism cannot and will not survive on charity soup. The plan that I have in mind would set in motion the wheels of our paralyzed industries. It would do away with idleness, and elevate the starving man to a position of self-support and self-respect. Benevolent soup-kitchens destroy self-respect, and loyalty grows lean on such a diet."

Hugh was about to reply, when the door bell rang. The major hastily arose and opened the door.

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Best Time to Plant Dahlias

Much has been said of late about the best time for planting Dahlias; it is impossible to give any special rule to follow on this important subject, to suit every one. My advice to those desiring no flowers, or only a few partly formed and insignificant ones and extremely large plants, is that they should plant early. But if you are a lover of the plant and wish to enjoy it in its full glory, plant late, and you will be rewarded with compact plants covered with beautifully shaped flowers.—*L. A. Martin, before the Tarrytown Horticulture Society.*

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How often have many of our lady readers remarked that they would give anything to get rid of the drudgery of using the dirty coal and wood stoves—also the smoky oil wick stoves and their gasoline stoves which are so dangerous and liable to cause explosions or fire at any time.

Well, that day has arrived and a fine substitute has been discovered and every family can now have gas fuel for cooking, baking and heating and not have their kitchens a hot, fiery furnace in summer, and be carrying coal and ashes—ruining their looks and health.

Thousands a Week

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements.

As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbonize, clog up or overflow.

By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas. This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil.

The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas makes it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-gas is proving so cheap that 15c to 30c a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family.

Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little.

In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc. What pleasure to just turn on the oil—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think; a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home.

It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated, but simple—easily operated and another feature is its **PERFECT SAFETY.**

NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—valuable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage—washing—ironing—camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which if placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we produce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50% to 75% over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

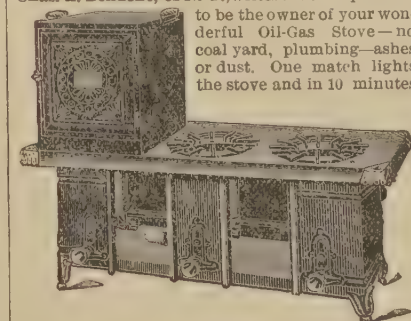
J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes



ALL SIZES

breakfast is ready. No danger from an explosion—no smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

Agents are doing fine—Making big money

WONDERFUL QUICK SELLER

Geo. Robertson, of Maine, writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



HOW TO GET ONE

All our lady readers who want to enjoy the pleasures of a gas stove—the cheapest, cleanest and safest fuel—save $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demand for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers, **The World Mfg. Co., 6473 World Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio,** and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention and also letters from hundreds of delighted users you will receive much valuable information.

The price of these Stoves is remarkably low, only \$3.25 up. And it is indeed, difficult to imagine where that amount of money could be invested in anything else that would bring such saving in fuel bills, so much good health and satisfaction to our wives.

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Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is open?

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102	It's terrible to be parted.	119	Was detained on the road.	136	I am nearly all in.
103	I'm flying high.	120	Will be down shortly.	137	I'm leaving here.
104	My wife misses me so much.	121	"Oh, there you are."	138	A bird in the hand. [head.
105	Will get through here shortly.	122	Got more than I expected.	139	Will do well here if I don't lose my
106	Am unavoidably detained.	123	I'm just taking my first nap.	140	10,000 miles from home and no black
107	It's all over now.	124	Think I'm going to like this place.	141	Out on a long foul. [thead.
108	I found the tramp a long one.	125	I know I'm going to like this place.	142	Expect to hear from my wife shortly.
109	There's a fine opening here for you.	126	I expect to be here some time. [me.	143	Not yet, but soon.
110	It's up to you. [night.	127	The whole town turned out to meet	144	This is not my long suit.
111	There was a concert at our house last	128	I am blowing myself.	145	Nothing like this in our family.
112	It was no use kicking.	129	I am in safe hands, don't worry	146	I'm a little bit short.
113	Caught in the act.	130	I just stepped on a train.	147	Just for a kid.
114	My board is paid for.	131	It was hard to tear loose.	148	Weather bad—been soaked all week
115	I am taking my meals outside. [away	132	Just landed here.	149	Back in a minute, gotta go now.
116	Will be with you as soon as I can get	133	She was very favorably impressed.	150	Will be there soon.
117	These has such a fascination for me.	134	I am rapidly disposing of the goods.		

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Cattle Ranch to College

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obstacle, put his whole weight into the thrust. All of a sudden the obstruction gave away, the stick sank down till his hands struck the ground, he lost his balance and fell headlong into the deep part of the stream.

The water was well over his head, and after a few minute's struggling, he began to realize that he was in a nasty situation. The dam was composed mostly of slippery mud, which gave him no hold, and burdened by his soaked clothing, he could not swim to the bank. The water was icy cold, and he felt almost numb at once. He called to Ben, but could not make him hear. Then he sank beneath the surface.

Again he went down, but he kept his presence of mind and struggled with might and main to gain a foothold on the slimy slope. In spite of his efforts to keep on top, he sank a third time, but this time barely below the level of his eyes. His work on the dam had accomplished its purpose and the water was rushing out through a leak, so that the depth was decreasing every minute. He realized that if he could keep up a little longer he would be all right.

Again he sank, too tired to do more, but this time was able to keep his mouth above water by standing on tiptoe and stretching his neck to its fullest extent.

Before long the water had receded so much that he could wade ashore, though at times his feet slipped into holes that let him down until he was entirely under water. Reaching the bank, he dragged himself up and lay down flat, for the time quite exhausted.

He was more breathless than hurt, however, and in a short time was able to get up and crawl over to a sunny spot.

Ben came up presently and was inclined to joke with his brother on his mishap; but after John had told his story he took it more seriously.

The boys noted with satisfaction that the water was now so low that the submerged entrances to the beaver houses were visible. They therefore hastened to place their traps in the brush that Ben had cut. They then moved up the creek to the fishing hole they had noted, to await developments and at the same time try their luck at fishing. Ben took the line while John stripped off his water-soaked clothes, hung them up to dry, and then lay down in a warm sunny spot. It was late in the fall, and the wind proved too searching for comfort in this condition, so a fire was built, by which he dried and warmed himself.

The fish were hungry and bit early and often, with the result that the pile of bullheads and trout on the bank was soon a goodly sight to behold. A few of them John cleaned and hung over the fire with a forked stick. The meal which followed was enjoyed to the full, and by the time it was finished John's wet clothes were fairly dry. Ben was for looking after the traps right away, but his brother's more experienced counsel prevailed, and they agreed to visit them at the earliest opportunity the following morning.

The first minute after the next morning's work was finished they hurried to the scene of John's accident. After considerable searching (for they had neglected to chain the traps fast to a log) they found one. In it was a beaver's foot, well provided with claws for digging, and gnawed off clean above the joint. The brave little beast had cut off his own leg to save his life.

"Well, I'm jiggered," said Ben. "If that don't beat all. Don't you wish you had come back when I wanted you to?" "No; the beaver didn't show up till after dark, probably. Besides, there are three other traps, and there must be something in 'em or they would be where we left 'em."

They searched and searched and called each other names because of their carelessness in not making the traps fast. Finally they bethought them of the possibility of the little animals' dragging the cruel steel jaws with them to their houses, which instinct would teach them were their only safe refuges.

Sure enough, there were two of them dead, drowned at their own door; the third was alive and full of energy. Timid usually, the beaver when caught

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or brought to bay will fight courageously. Ben stooped to drag the trap and its captive out, but drew back so suddenly that his head struck John, who was also leaning over, a scientific blow on the nose. That maltreated and indignant organ began to bleed freely, and it did not console John to any degree to learn that the little beast had turned on Ben and that he had come within an ace of having a finger bitten off by its long yellow teeth. He was so alarmed at this savage pugnacity that, without paying any attention to the rap he had given John, he still retreated, keeping his eyes on the hole. This was needless, however, for the animal was hopelessly entangled. A shot from John's revolver soon put the little creature out of its misery and enabled them to drag it out without danger.

They returned to camp, triumphantly bearing three splendid beavers. But John held his hand over his swelling nose and fast blackening eyes; he could afford to accept with equanimity all taunting references to his injured member, such as, "Your nose is out of joint," and "What a black look you have," for he had turned the tables on Ted who had laughed at him, calling out "Sonny you think you're going on a beaver hunt, but you're really going on a wild goose chase."

Many more trips did the boys make to this and other beaver villages, and the pile of salted skins grew to be quite respectable proportions by the time the ice began to form on the creek.

With winter came many added pleasures and some extra work and discomfort. Paths to the mine and to water had to be dug in the early morning through the snow that had drifted during the night, and this was added to the boys' regular tasks. The drawing of water had now become more difficult, for a hole had to be cut in the ice every time. Gathering wood, too, was not easy, since it was necessary to burrow for it through the white blanket of snow.

One of the men of the camp was a Swede called "Yumping Yim," because of his racial inability to pronounce the letter "j." He showed the boys how to make snowshoes or skees, long strips of wood curved up at the front, the bottom slightly concave to give a purchase on the crust and prevent them from slipping sideways, the top convex and rising slightly from toe and heel to the centre where the foot rested. The boys soon became proficient in the use of these and sometimes travelled considerable distances on them.

Exhilarating trips they were, over the crusted snow, when swift, breathless slides were taken down the hills, and skimming jumps from one level to another. It was on one of these trips that John and Ben saw for the first time a herd of buffalo, their great, brown, closely-packed bodies looking like an undulating sea of fresh earth against the whiteness of the snow. With them were large numbers of antelope, these weaker animals profiting by the ability of the powerful buffalo to break into the drifts and uncover the scanty herbage.

The boys skimmed back to camp, and soon all the men formed themselves into a hunting party. Luck was with them. The whole party crept softly up, using every bit of cover that could be found. Then there was a whispered consultation, rifles were levelled, Mr. Worth kicked a lump of snow as a signal, and five guns barked out together. John and Ben dashed forward in wild excitement to find three antelopes lying dead. Without stopping, the hunters pressed on after the flying animals, and by nightfall a row of antelope hung high up against the log portion of the dug-out. Since the boys had no rifles of their own and the family Winchester was in use, they had to be content with long shots with revolvers.

During the excitement following one of the volleys, Ben who had lingered behind, saw what he thought was a wounded animal. He quickly raised his pistol and fired. As he did so, the figure rose and stood upright. It was Charley Green! His winter clothing, like that of the boys, was made of deerskin, his cap of the pelt of the musk-rat—even his hands and feet were covered with deerskin soled with buffalo hide. The deception had been complete, all too complete, Charley thought, when he heard

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what a narrow escape he had had. Ben shivered when he realized what might have happened, and registered a mental vow to let any future deer get away rather than run the risk of its being deer only in hide and man beneath.

The boys had learned to cut out and make their own winter deer-hide clothing, caps, shirts, mittens, and "parks," or boots, soled with buffalo hide, hair side in; so they always had plenty to do when indoors. Most of the days were spent on their skees. They learned many new things and many ways of getting along under their new conditions. For instance, a snow house had been dug in a big drift which extended out over the ice-covered creek, and a fire was built inside which speedily melted a hole through to the water. It was so much warmer under the blanket of snow that this did not freeze over. Through it the boys drew the supply of water and caught many a fine string of fish.

The long winter evenings were spent around the big fireplace, where the men made or patched clothes, told stories, played cards, and smoked. The camp was cut off from the world by miles and miles of deep white snow which overspread the land in every direction. There was no danger from Indians, for even they could not move under difficulties so insurmountable. Wolves nightly came down the hills and left their footprints on the snow about the house, and especially under the row of frozen deer which swung from a high support—the winter supply of meat killed after freezing weather set in. Both night and day the coyotes howled and answered each other from the high points round about, with their wuh, wuh-aou-u-u-u-wuh-wuh. On moonlight nights the scene from the front door was entrancing. The wide, white valley stretched up and down as far as the eye could see, and the reaching white ridges of snow and utter silence suggested illimitable distance. When the wind blew, the fine snow slid along the encrusted surface, making a noise like hissing water on a pebbly beach, while the finer particles, rising in the air, created lunar rainbows of surpassing beauty. Here indeed was loneliness, loveliness, and solemn immensity.

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The Wonderful Bag

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ing dawned clear and bright, and after partaking of a plentiful breakfast, Madame Puss stepped into her mother-of-pearl coach, drawn by twelve milk-white kids; the suite seated themselves in the ebony chariots provided for them, and drawn by hares; the guard of honor, mounted on Skye terriers of which they were very much afraid, tried to keep up their courage by gayly waving many-colored flags, and preceded the train, lest their fright should get the better of them and they should sneak home again; and all the heavily-laden baggage-wagons brought up the rear.

Meanwhile Madame Puss and her retinue journeyed on in great pride and glory for three days and nights, and at length they came in sight of London town. The procession, which had fallen somewhat into disorder, was all reformed.

Madame Puss leaned indolently back in her coach, and gazed superciliously about her. How ugly the houses were! How the chariot bumped over the rough paving stones! How queer the people looked!

But here her self-satisfied musings were interrupted by showers of stones from a troop of small boys who had collected around the queer procession, followed by shrieks from different cats in every variety of tone.

"What is all this?" cried Madame Puss, looking about her indignantly, but just then a sharp stone hit her on the nose and caused her to cry out, whereat the small boys screamed with laughter.

In a few seconds more, matters would have come to a pretty pass, had not the head-constable appeared, with a command from the queen that the newcomers should be brought before her. There was nothing for it but to obey, so Madame Puss, with her train, was compelled to follow the constable and make a more ignominious entrance into the royal presence than she had intended. However, she consoled herself with the reflection that the queen would at once recognize a sister ruler in her, treat her as she deserved, and mete out to her own unruly subjects the punishment they so richly merited.

The constable helped Madame Puss to alight, which she did very awkwardly, for all the strange eyes embarrassed her, and, followed by her suite, she ascended the steps, passed through the marble hall, and entered the courtroom, where the queen awaited her.

But what were the surprise and delight of the newcomers to behold hundreds of delicate mice of all colors and sizes, disporting themselves about the spacious apartment, running over the dresses of the court-ladies and playing on the shoulders of the noblemen! Instantly the whole behavior of the cats altered. For three days they had had no fresh meat, and here was game, younger and tenderer even than that in the royal preserves of Whittington. Without bestowing another glance or thought on the queen or her attendants, every cat prepared to spring, and the mice, shrieking with fright at the sight of their arch-enemies, scampered wildly about, seeking in vain for a means of escape.

A moment more, and it would have been too late for the queen to save her pets, but she hurriedly bade the guards, who had been attracted by the tumult, instantly to expel the insolent and audacious intruders. The joy of the poor cats was now changed into mourning; the halberds of the guards pierced them on every side and drove them, shrieking, from the spot.

"Chase them from the town!" cried the queen, trembling with anger. "Let their equipages be broken, their horses slain, and themselves driven forth to perish! The insolent knaves, to dare to molest my pretty pets!"

The subjects were not slow to obey the queen's behest; they fell upon the hapless cats; tore out their whiskers, and trod upon their tails; overturned the chariots, and driving all before them, shut the gates of the town and bade the unfortunates return speedily whence they had come, or they should all be hanged. The cats waited for no second command; they ran, they hobbled, they limped as best they were able, and ere long vanished in the distance.

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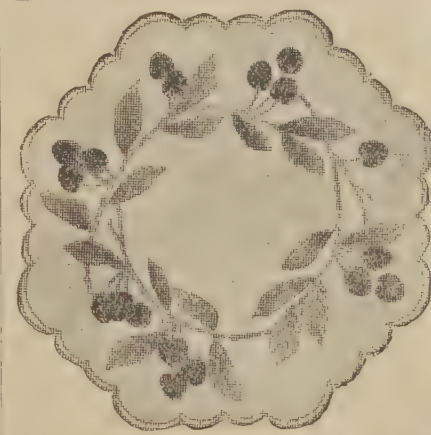
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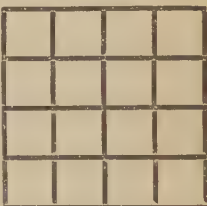
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After waiting and listening for some time, it came softly forth, and disclosed the form and features of Madame Puss. But, oh! how changed! One of her eyes was closed; the ruff had been torn from her neck, and with it great tufts of fur; the mantle and fan and crown had been lost in the fray; she had hurt one of her paws badly in escaping from her persecutors; and, in fact, scarcely anything remained to her but her brave heart.

"Ah!" she said to herself, "now I know how my poor subjects feel when they complain of hunger! How wicked I have been to keep all the royal game for myself, because it was the custom of Whittington! Ah, me! if I ever reach home again, things shall be very different!"

Filled with these reflections, she slowly descended the stairs.

In passing, however, through the throne room, the moonlight shone full upon her, and a little mouse, white with pink eyes, the especial pet and favorite of the queen, spied her from her nest of softest silk under the royal chair, and set up a most dismal wailing.

Madame Puss did not let the grass grow under her feet, she sped with great pain and difficulty out of the palace, along the street to the gates, and over these into the dusty highway, before she dared to look behind her. No pursuers however, were in sight; she reflected how many weary miles lay between her and Whittington and how small a chance she had of ever reaching there alive.

By and by, however, to her great joy she fell in with one of the Skye terriers that had belonged to her guard, and mounting him, she took courage again. And so, faring slowly and painfully, drew near to Whittington.

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But before sitting down to the gorgeous banquet that had been prepared in her honor, she bade the herald proclaim silence, and made a little speech, in which, after thanking her subjects for their loving thoughtfulness, she declared, that from that day forth the royal preserves should be free to all; and that the many unused apartments in the palace should be set apart as a home for sick and aged cats.

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In the Garden

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set them in a shallow box, holding about fifty, filled with good soil, and put a tomato in each one. The paper cup was filled within an inch and a half of the top; when time came to set them in the ground, each cup was set in the holes prepared for them, without disturbing them at all. This allows it to keep right on growing without having to take a new start. The paper protrudes above the ground about one and one-half inches, and seems to protect, as no cut-worms attempt to climb over the top of paper pot. Last spring we did the same thing, and all plants were let alone as before.

Now believing this to be a good thing, easily and quickly done, I send it, hoping others will try and report.

One might think the papers would soon tear out, but not so. As there are no bottoms, they must set on boards or in boxes, and are crowded close which holds sides together, and by transplanting time, paper sticks fast to dirt, and the roots hold soil together. Where cans are used, melt all seams, tie and set in boxes, same as paper cans. At transplanting, set can and all. After cut-worms have quit work, loosen soil around can, cut string, remove can without destroying roots. This way they can be set so as to form protection same as when using paper cans.

P. S. Since writing the above have transplanted my plants to garden this spring. The moles bother us very badly, but I notice that while many plants, planted in the ordinary way have been lifted up, they have gone around every one where they are in the paper cans so far.

Notes About the Farm

It is a good plan to have the fence along the ends of the garden movable, so that it can be taken away when plowing or cultivating the garden, and thus save having a strip of unworked ground along the ends.

To make celery grow well, give it lots of water and keep the ground well stirred and clean. Don't earth-up early celery, but board it up;—that is, lay a common board up edgewise, close against each side of the celery row, with a few spadefuls of dirt against the boards to keep them in place. This will give you clean, crisp, well-blanching celery. The old notion that celery must be blanched by mounding it up with earth to give it a nutty flavor, does not always hold true.

Wallace's Farmer advises those having eighty or more acres of land to keep a few sheep, beginning with a flock of twenty-five ewes and the best buck that can be purchased. This advice the Farmer applies particularly to the corn belt which takes in a pretty wide scope of country. Since both wool and lambs are in demand at record prices, a good many farmers are putting on sheep, and the Farmer reports that those who have done so are in the main successful.

The poison ivy is a great and increasing nuisance on many farms. We have evidence of this in numerous inquiries as to how it may be eradicated. Our answer to such inquiries can not be very satisfactory, as there is no easy way of doing it. We recommend the frequent cutting of it close to the ground, and, when feasible, to cover it after cutting with straw or spoiled hay, so as to smother it out. It is easy to root it out by frequent plowing in the open fields, but along fence rows that is impossible.

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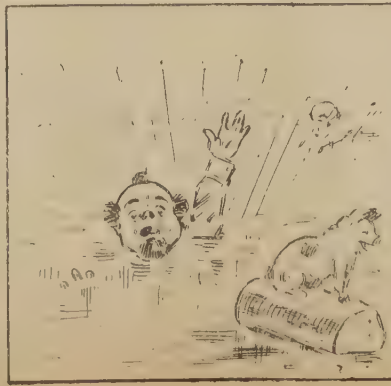
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Cupid at Camp-Meeting

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of the appellation was striking. Squire Green Huckabee, indeed, had been heard to remark with his characteristic candor:

"Yaas, sir, there's a lot o' names in this ol' airth that don't suit the folks they's stuck to; the blackest nigger gal in Dorchester County 'll jest as likley as not be named Lily er Pearl, an' the read-headedest, fiery-temperdest woman's called Patience—an' so on. But when the name o' Crookshanks got clapped onto our young brother frum Bearsheeb, somebody hed a rail correct idee about the eternal fitness o' things."

From the time when Cruikshanks first laid eyes on Molly, he could not banish from his thoughts the picture of the girl. The simple truth of the matter is that within twenty-four hours after meeting her the Reverend Mr. Cruikshanks had fallen helplessly in love with pretty Molly Moore, and she, true to the instinct of her sex, was "leadin' the young preacher on" at a fearful rate.

Molly's herd of rustic admirers watched it all with desperation and glowered upon the new recruit whenever he came about; they rejoiced when "meetin' time" came—as it did four times a day—for then they had a showing, the preacher's duty taking him under the stand. And often Cruikshanks, as his vacant look indicated, was thinking, not of the sermon being preached, but of Molly and her amorous devotee—whoever he happened to be—as they strolled away beneath the long-leaf pines or sat and conversed on the trunk of some fallen tree quite visible from the preacher's stand.

Friday evening Cruikshanks found Molly after services—this proved not very difficult—and while they slowly made the circuit of the grounds, he told her of his love with all of a Methodist preacher's earnestness. While he was in the midst of his burning confession, and they were in a rather deserted part of the place, a shaggy, grizzled head was suddenly thrust through the window of a cabin nearby and a loud, deep voice admonished:

"Tread safe out there—Lizzie Press is sick!"

But even this rude warning did not chill the preacher's ardor; he finished in a thrill of enthusiasm. The only response at first was a violent explosion of mellow laughter, then Molly exclaimed:

"Why, Mr. Cruikshanks, that was a regular sermon—I didn't know you *could* preach so well." And again her merry laughter rang out through the pines.

The poor young minister was exasperated. The girl was making a fool of him—she evidently considered it all a good joke. In spite of his chagrin, however, the sweet pain in his heart continued unabated. That night his last thoughts before falling asleep were of Molly; and when the first bugle sounded early the next morning, bidding the people rise and prepare for morning prayers under the stand before breakfast, it awoke him from dreams that had been only of her.

After this, whenever Molly caught sight of Cruikshanks she laughed unmercifully and he blushed like a bashful schoolgirl. He observed to his dismay, moreover, that Molly was openly encouraging Lem Tuten in his suit. He often saw them together, and on each occasion Molly appeared to be in perfect bliss; her face shone with happiness and she would turn her pretty face languishingly towards Lem, as if she were drinking all of her bliss from him.

On Saturday night the fight occurred. A fight was by no means an uncommon thing at Indian Fields, but this was the most sensational of them all. After religious services on Saturday evening Cruikshanks called on Molly in her father's tent. It was late when he rose to go and the walk around the grounds was almost deserted. Molly went to the door with him and in a voice friendlier than he had yet heard from her lips, bade him good-night. He took only a few steps when his feet suddenly struck something and he fell heavily to the ground. Immediately, there was a loud guffaw and two of Molly's slighted admirers, Ben Bowles and Tuck Harvey,

appeared in the shadow. It was evident that they had been drinking and had stretched the rope which caused the minister's fall. One of them shouted: "Come here, honey, an' lemme pick you up."

No sooner had Cruikshanks risen to his feet than Ben Bowles was pushed violently toward him by the other rough fun-maker. He dodged as quickly as possible, thereby escaping the full force of the blow and at the same time causing Bowles to fall. This angered both of his assailants, and in a moment more Bowles had regained his feet and rushing toward the minister, tried to grapple with him. Cruikshanks stepped aside hurriedly and threw off his long-tailed coat, then as Bowles again came toward him aimed a blow with all his might, which caught the burly fellow just under his chin and sent him sprawling backwards. Almost at the same instant, however, Harvey struck him heavily over his right eye, stunning him for a moment. In the meantime, Molly had summoned her father to the minister's aid. The old Colonel, with the greater part of his wardrobe left behind, stumbled out of the tent rubbing his eyes and took charge of Bowles, leaving it a free fight between Cruikshanks and Harvey. These two soon grappled, and what had been a lively sparring bout became an equally lively wrestling-match. Harvey was much the heavier of the two, but this advantage was more than made up for in the other's cool, clear brain and perfect control of his powers. Often his slight form was suspended threateningly in the air by the larger man, but he always managed to alight on his feet and the bow-legs proved as strong as iron. Never before had his football training proven its usefulness in such a practical way.

Gradually Harvey's breath began to give out, while at the same time his anger grew. Finally, in an unguarded moment Cruikshanks tripped him and his head struck the earth with a thud.

Just at this stage of the performance two marshals came up and arrested Bowles and Harvey, relieving Cruikshanks of further trouble. The young minister was led into Colonel Moore's tent for repairs, and it was Molly's own soft hands that applied the poultice to the bruised eye, while she laughed softly and exclaimed:

"Why, Mr. Cruikshanks, I didn't know you *could* fight so well!" And Cruikshanks was only sorry that his other eye did not need poulticing also.

The Sunday night service at Indian Fields is the most interesting and important one during the whole camp-meeting, for it is the last. On Monday morning the people all return to their homes and the campground is deserted for twelve long months. For this service, the young brother from Beersheba was put up to preach. When Presiding Elder Wiggins announced in his impressive way that "Brother Crook-shanks" would conduct the exercises and the little minister with his bow-legs and black eye rose and stood before the people, a ripple of amusement spread over the vast congregation; even Molly and Lem Tuten, who were there together, smiled broadly at each other. Cruikshanks was embarrassed as he showed it plainly. But gradually self was forgotten and he became lost in his theme; all awkwardness of manner disappeared. He put his whole soul into the effort and the words flowed from his lips in a torrent of burning, yet simple, eloquence, sweeping his hearers before him and carrying conviction.

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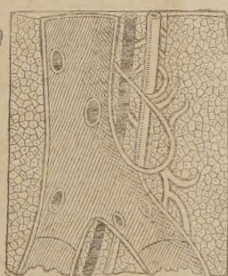
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unless you are benefited. I don't want you to run any risk. I will take all the risk. You are the one to say yes or no. You are the one to say I am or I am not satisfied. You are the one to say whether KO-RO-NO helps you or not.

Don't Be Discouraged

Try KO-RO-NO. Do not believe you are incurable; there is a remedy for every disease. Use KO-RO-NO and you will soon forget that you were ever sick. Do not fail to send for a box of KO-RO-NO. Do not continue to use old-fashioned mineral drugs and cathartics. Do not use poison. Use Nature's liver remedy—KO-RO-NO.

It Makes No Difference

It makes no difference what disease you may have. If you have any disease your blood is loaded with impurities. If you have Catarrh, Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, or any disease, your blood is loaded with impurities which have not been properly disposed of. It makes no difference what disease you have, your liver must be set to work properly to dispose of all the poisonous matter of your system. You cannot be cured in any other way. It is positively the only way. If you have a long standing disease you have been and are now being slowly poisoned. You must get the poison out of your system by using KO-RO-NO.



A. P. SAWYER, M.D.

I Have Cured Hundreds

I have cured scores and hundreds of Liver Trouble Martyrs at a small cost to them—20 cents a month—five cents a week. Just think of it! Why can't I cure you?

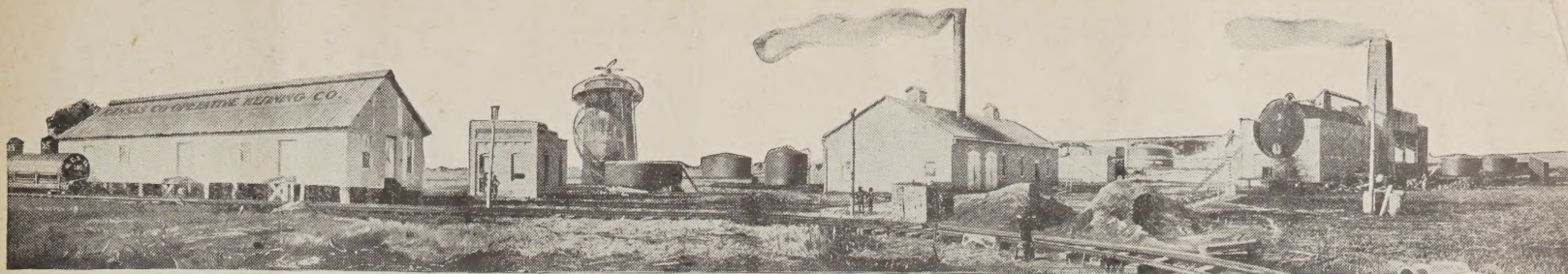
Will your physician give you medicine for 30 days with the understanding that you can pay him if you are satisfied? Will your grocer supply you with groceries for 30 days with the understanding that you can pay him if you are satisfied with them? How can I afford to supply thousands of persons I do not know with medicine for 30 days? Because I believe that every person who uses KO-RO-NO will not only be satisfied, but will praise it, unless their habits or surroundings are very unfavorable to health.

Every box of our medicine has the following words printed thereon: "Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906."

We Take All the Risk

DR. A. P. SAWYER, Vick's Dept., Longly Bldg., Chicago.

You need not send me a penny unless you are satisfied that KO-RO-NO has done you good. Isn't that fair? A trial costs you nothing. This is an honest offer made in good faith to the readers of this paper who are sick and want to get well. Send me your name and address plainly written.



The above illustration was made from actual photographs of Our Great Refinery now in operation.

The Kansas Co-Operative Oil Refinery IS SHIPPING OIL

Consumers say we are producing the best oil on the market.
We have been Refining Oil and Shipping to Market in our own cars for more than 60 days.
Our expectations have been more than realized.
The public is actually clamoring for Co-operative Independent Oil.
We can only begin to fill the flood of orders that are pouring in.
The enormous demand forces us to rush work on the enlargement of our plant.
We need money at once to do this and buy more tank cars.
We offer a limited allotment of stock at a low price to quickly raise the necessary funds.
This may be your last chance to buy stock in this Great Kansas Co-operative Oil Refinery at

15 CENTS PER SHARE

Par value, \$1.00; fully paid, non-assessable.

We told you to buy this stock a few months ago, just on promises of what the company would do.

We now ask you to buy the stock at only 15 cents when we have more than made good our every promise, and every share of stock is backed by a great tangible property.

The Kansas Co-operative Oil Refinery is a reality now.

Promises have given way to performances.

The great main buildings of the refinery have been sufficiently completed to admit of the beginning of actual manufacture.

For more than sixty days we have been shipping our refined oil to the markets in our own cars.

Seldom has such a tremendously great enterprise been pushed with such untiring and relentless energy. Only a few months ago this large industrial plant was but a mass of plans and a site.

From this start has sprung a tangible, money making property, which it is our aim to make second to no other independent oil refining establishment.

No other business in the world, in my opinion, shows such enormous profits and at the same time, such almost absolute safety as the oil refining business.

It is a business which can be figured down to plain dollars and cents—a business where the profits do not depend upon speculation, and where every dollar you invest may be counted upon to bring big profits and big dividends.

That it is an exceedingly profitable business is clearly shown by the stupendous success of the Standard Oil Company, whose stock is said to have sold at one time far below par, but which has recently sold at seven to eight times its par value and pays about eighty per cent dividends a year, or about twenty-five million dollars in profits to its shareholders.

The refined products of crude oil are used by nearly all mankind.

The demand is universal and is growing so rapidly that it is said that the product of all the refineries in the world combined could not meet the demand.

Some of the greatest fortunes of the world have been made in the oil refining business and the opportunities now are as good as they have ever been.

I believe that stock bought now in this refinery will prove one of the most profitable and largest dividend paying investments in this country.

I consider an investment in the Kansas Co-operative Refining Co., absolutely safe.

It will pay you to investigate this money making enterprise. I do not believe you can find a proposition that will show possibilities for as large profits and dividends as the Kansas Co-operative Refining Company.

We have organized our Company on the mutual or co-operative plan. We want people of moderate means to invest with us in a large or small way and thus feel assured that this investment is safe. We want to give you the chance to become a partner in the profits of an industrial institution which has passed the experimental period and admit you upon a basis that you can afford to accept. The interests of the smallest stockholders will be just as carefully guarded and preserved as the very largest.

Our stock is offered on its merits to all classes of people—rich and poor alike, on such terms as they can readily see that ours is a bona fide business proposition and one that should meet with the greatest of success.

Here are some of the improvements already completed:

Boiler and Pump House, a commodious structure fitted with latest modern machinery.

Large Barrelling and Warehouse in which the various products are barreled ready for shipment.

500 Barrel Agitator for treating the distillate by means of chemicals.

600 Barrel crude oil still for transforming crude oil into distillate.

One Steam Still for the manufacture of gasoline.

14 Steel Storage Tanks ranging in capacity from 250 to 5,000 barrels each.

Several 2,000 Barrel Underground Storage Reservoirs, bleachers, acid tanks, etc.

6 Private Tank Cars of 8,000 gallon capacity each.

Laboratory and Office Building.

This company owns its valuable site for the refinery now nearing completion, and located right in the heart of the oil district at Chanute, with unexcelled facilities for marketing and shipping.

We have direct outlet for our product via two railroads. Our switch with the M. K. & T. Ry. has long been completed and our own cars carry our product from our very doors.

Private Pipe Lines

Already over fifteen miles of pipe line has been laid and an additional five miles has been contracted for to carry the crude oil to the refinery storage reservoirs.

Estimated Profits and Dividends

The refinery, when its buildings, now in course of construction, are completed, will have a daily capacity of 500 barrels. Figuring crude oil at 70 cents per barrel, which is higher than the present market price in Kansas, 100 barrels would cost \$70.00. The cost of refining at 21 cents per barrel—\$21.00. Total cost of 100 barrels, \$91.00, which, at the present market price, would sell, including wax and by-products, for \$91.14, or a net estimated profit of \$20.14 on each 100 barrels, or a daily profit of \$1050.20, giving a profit for the year of more than \$328,869.10, and this is only on a basis of 500 barrels daily.

We expect, eventually, however to refine 5,000 barrels of crude oil daily, which should mean a daily profit of over \$10,500.00, or Three Million Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Ninety Dollars per year—a sum sufficient to pay over 600 percent on the present price of the stock.

This Would Mean Your Money Back Every 60 Days

Should the entire amount be distributed in dividends.

Have you ever heard of a better investment than this?

On the usual basis of a stock being worth from eight to ten times what it earns in dividends, Kansas Co-operative Refining stock should eventually sell for \$6.00 per share.

If this is not good enough prospects for anyone to invest in shares of this company, we would like to know what we could offer you.

Is it any wonder that business men and conservative investors are buying this stock?

Why Stock Is Sold

Although the main buildings have been erected and most of the equipment installed, the refinery has practically taken but its first step of advancement.

More storage tanks must be erected, more tank cars purchased and more pipe line laid to place the Company in the foremost position which we intend it shall occupy. All this takes money and lots of it.

The demand for our oil has been so much greater than we even expected, and is so overwhelmingly large that we must expand the refinery NOW to meet the demands of the public.

In order to do this with the least possible delay we have decided to offer a small allotment of shares at 15 cents although the price ought to be 50 cents or over right now.

Ours is not a rich man's company. We want to give everybody, even those with but a limited amount to invest, an opportunity to share with us in this great co-operative industry.

We want people in every section of the country, in every state, county, township, city, town and village to have a personal profitable interest in the Kansas Co-operative Refinery.

Why You Should Buy This Stock

This Company has valuable assets and is now rapidly approaching a dividend earning basis. Improvements made and other improvements rapidly being made, new buildings, more storage tanks and oil stills, additional machinery and equipment, etc., are making the stock more and more valuable every day.

Advance in price of the stock from time to time is bound to come.

Also bear in mind that the

Management Is In Strong Hands

The management of this Company is in the hands of men who know their business. They are all successful business men of great ability and above all have a good reputation for honesty and fair dealing.

There is no preferred stock, no bonds and no stockholders' liability.

The Company pays as it goes, thus keeping out of debt, and every dollar it receives from the sale of stock will be used to complete the plant and develop the business, but no more stock will be sold than is absolutely necessary to place the Company on a permanent dividend paying basis.

You can buy this stock now at a very low price—so low that your chances are good to make a profit of at least 50 to 100 per cent, within a very short time, and we honestly believe that within a reasonable time that you will see this stock selling at a price that will show a profit of 400 to 500 per cent. If you cannot pay cash, take advantage of the installment plan explained below.

Buy this stock now at 15 cents a Share

Par Value \$1.00

The recent advance of 25% is only a starter. The stock is selling too low now and we may be compelled to advance the price to 25 cents per share any day.

This should prove the banner investment of your life.

Don't wait.

Buy now and keep the stock you buy; you may wake up some fine morning and find Kansas Co-operative selling at or above par and paying big dividends.

Secure the benefit of all future advances in price by sending Your Order in Now.

Our Guarantee

Send us your subscription, either on the cash or installment plan, and if, upon investigation and within thirty days, you should find that we have misrepresented the enterprise or its possibilities, we will cheerfully cancel your subscription and refund your money.

The possibilities in the oil-refining business are simply enormous.

If you have any money to invest in anything, you cannot afford to overlook this unusual opportunity.

Send at once for large illustrated descriptive book showing improvements and giving full detailed information.

We will also send you a large panoramic picture of the refinery made from actual photographs taken on the spot. Address:

J. D. MEIDINGER, Secy.
599 Gaff Bldg.
Chicago, Ill.

Prices of Stock for a Short Time Only

CASH

100 shares, \$15.00	1,000 shares, \$150.00
250 shares, 37.50	2,000 shares, 300.00
500 shares, 75.00	5,000 shares, 750.00

EASY PAYMENT OFFER

200 shares \$ 6.50 cash and \$ 5.00 per month until paid
400 shares 13.00 cash and 10.00 per month until paid
500 shares 16.25 cash and 12.50 per month until paid
1,000 shares 32.50 cash and 25.00 per month until paid
2,000 shares 65.00 cash and 50.00 per month until paid
3,000 shares 97.50 cash and 75.00 per month until paid
5,000 shares 162.50 cash and 125.00 per month until paid

No orders accepted for less than 100 shares



No. 1

Note the clear, water white quality of the oil in Bottle No. 1. This is a sample of the high-grade oil refined by our company. It sells at the same price as that contained in Bottle No. 2.



No. 2

This oil is a sample of the best oil we have found in competition. Note the dark color, an indication of inferior refining.

Cut Out or Copy This and Mail Today

J. D. MEIDINGER, Sec'y

599 Gaff Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Date.....

I hereby subscribe for.....Shares of the full paid and non-assessable stock of the **Kansas Co-Operative Refining Company** at 15 cents per share cash, or 15 3/4 cents on the installment plan.

Enclosed find.....Dollars in full payment for said stock- (Or)

Enclosed find.....Dollars as first payment for said stock.

I hereby agree to pay the balance at the rate of.....Dollars every 30 days until paid.

Send money by draft on New York or Chicago, or money order payable to J. D. Meidinger.

Take our advice and buy at least 1,000 shares; if you cannot pay for it in full now take it on the installment plan.

Name

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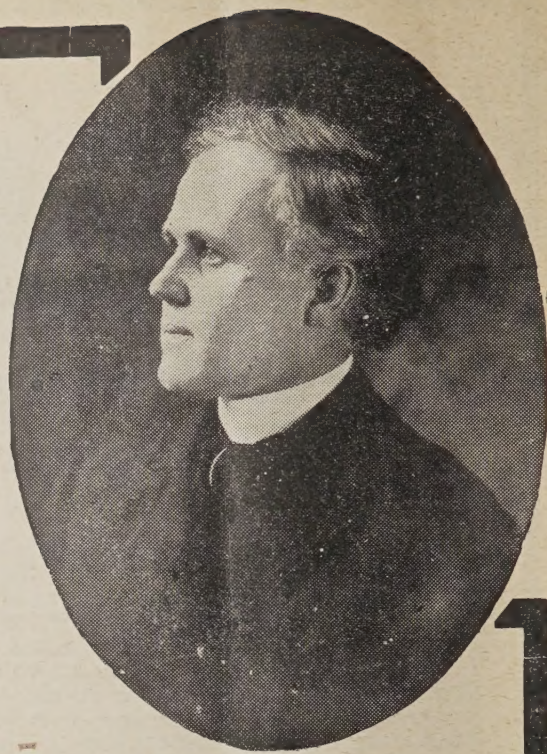
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"You are working a great good for humanity. My heart is filled with gratitude for what AUTOLOGY has done for me. I was crippled with rheumatism to such an extent that I couldn't do my work, suffered all the time, very constipated, nervous, threatened with paralysis, pain and weakness in back and limbs. Now I feel perfectly well and strong and active as twenty years ago. My friends remark: 'How well you look, Mrs. Phillips.' AUTOLOGY has saved me from a lingering death."

Sincerely,
MRS. H. F. PHILLIPS, Algonquin, Ill.

"Your book is worth its weight in gold. I feel like a new woman since becoming an AUTOLOGIST."

MRS. A. M. EASTMAN,
290 Turner St., Auburn, Me.

Well or Sick, You Need AUTOLOGY

Autology is no theory, no fad, no creed. It deals with the practical business of your body and brain as you have learned to deal with the practical business of your home affairs, plants and flowers, your land and grain, your dollars and cents. It tells you how to get the most and best out of every one of your organs and functions; how to cure and cultivate them; how to fertilize and improve them. It makes health and disease an open book, as clear as day to your own mind, divested of all mystery and dread. You become your own physician and specialist, as well as your children's or family's. Read what a prominent physician, educator and author writes:

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Well or sick, you need Autology. Without it you are bound to sicken, suffer or linger or die when you shouldn't. With it there will be no such thing as pain or sickness in your life. Do you realize what this means? This letter from a grateful Autologist tells:

"A desperate case of complicated meningitis (brain fever) taken at its hopeless stage (when physicians had given it up) and brought back to health in the hands of a layman, stamps Autology at the forefront in relief of suffering and cure of disease. This will be an epoch in my life for it not only gives a restored wife and mother, but also that knowledge that makes disease no longer possessed of a mysterious dread, but an open book divested of all its terrors, for with Autology there need be no such thing as disease and the name disease can become obsolete."

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The editor of Health Magazine, published in New York, whose opinion is eagerly sought by thinking people all over the world, has this to say of the Chapter on Digestion: "It is a veritable gem, and will prove a blessing to untold thousands." There are over forty-five such gems as fine as you ever want to read, and they cost you nothing, absolutely nothing, now or later, just the time to read them at your leisure. So valuable are they that you'll refuse to lend the "Guide" to even your nearest relative for fear of not getting another.

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"Dr. Moras broke away from the old drug systems years ago and devoted his scientific training to advocating and disseminating knowledge of 'Nature's Remedies.' In reading the volume we kept marking the paragraphs we wanted to quote for the benefit of our readers, but when we finished and looked back at the unbroken line of

marked pages we gave up. Read it for yourselves! It is thoroughly practical, thoroughly original, thoroughly valuable. When you've read the chapter 'What You Are Made of and Why You Eat,' when you've considered 'The Origin of Diseases,' 'Nutrition and Mal-Nutrition,' when you've mastered 'What to Do and What Not to Do,' when you've got the strong meat out of the chapters on 'Prejudices in Your Way,' the essence of good sense in 'Natural Remedies'—when in other words, you have read this book, you'll urge your friends and neighbors to go and do likewise."

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